



TWELFTH MEETING OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA  
Odessa, Ukraine, 1 June 2016

ДВЕНАДЦАТОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ  
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА  
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## FINAL RESOLUTIONS

**The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA** having held its Twelfth Annual Meeting on 1 June 2016, in Odessa, Ukraine:

- discussed the issues according to the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
  - heard the report of the Presiding Party in the IGC TRACECA, the Republic of Turkey in the person of Mr. Erdem Direkler, Permanent Representative (National Secretary) of the PS IGC TRACECA in the Republic of Turkey on the implementation of the decisions of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA;
  - heard the Report of Mr. Mircea Ciopraga, Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, on the activities of the PS IGC TRACECA for the period between the Eleventh and the Twelfth Annual IGC TRACECA Meetings;
  - heard the reports of the Parties to the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor" on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA, the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015;
  - having considered the address by the Ukrainian Party on the priorities of implementation of the upcoming mandate of the Chairmanship in the Intergovernmental Commission;
  - examined financial, institutional, legal, conceptual and other issues vital for further development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) and increase of its competitiveness;
- in accordance with Article 8 of the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor"

### ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

**1. On the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015.**

Having heard the Report on the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" (TRACECA) for the period up to 2015 (**Appendix 2**), worked out by the Permanent Secretariat on the basis of the reports of the countries, data and materials of the EU-financed technical assistance projects, statistical and analytical information the IGC TRACECA Meeting adopted this Report and positively evaluated the activities carried out by the Parties regarding the achievement of aims and objectives of the TRACECA Strategy.

**2. On approval of the Strategy for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the period 2016-2026 elaborated on the basis of the Master Plan TRACECA and proposals of the Parties.**

Having heard and discussed the Strategy for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the period 2016-2026 elaborated on the basis of the TRACECA Master Plan (**Appendix 3**) the IGC TRACECA Meeting approved this strategic document for further development of the TRACECA corridor. The IGC made a decision that the TRACECA Master Plan is an Annex to the IGC Strategy and its inalienable part.



The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of monitoring the implementation of the TRACECA Strategy and Master Plan.

The IGC addresses a request to the European Commission to provide assistance, including through technical assistance projects, in support of the implementation of the Strategy and Master Plan on a bilateral and multilateral level.

**3. On increasing the role of the TRACECA corridor. Realization of the Plan of Measures for the Implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes.**

Having heard the Progress Report on realization by the MLA member states in 2014 of the Plan of Measures for the Implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes (**Appendix 4**), developed by the Permanent Secretariat, the IGC TRACECA recommended that the Parties should invigorate the work on realizing the activities envisaged by the Plan of Measures to achieve the Concept aims and objectives.

The Meeting recommended that the Parties, which had not submitted relevant reports, should prepare and send them within 30 days to the PS IGC TRACECA.

**4. On amendments in the Technical document “TRACECA Multilateral Permit” User Guide. Decision of the IGC.**

For the purpose of increasing the efficiency of functioning of the TRACECA Permits System its member countries acknowledged the necessity to exclude the Appendix 3 from the document “TRACECA Multilateral Permit” User Guide. The member countries delegate authorities to their representatives for adoption of the corresponding decision at the next meeting of the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) of the PS IGC TRACECA.

**5. On the progress of realization by the MLA Parties of the priority actions for the implementation of the TRACECA Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection for the period up to 2021.**

The Meeting discussed the information on the progress of realization by the MLA Parties of priority actions for the implementation of the TRACECA Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection for the period up to 2021 (**Appendix 5**), and recommended that the Parties continue their activities on the implementation of the Regional Strategy to achieve the purposes.

The Meeting recommended that the Parties, which had not submitted relevant reports, should prepare and send them to the PS within 30 days. The Meeting charged the PS with the task of finalizing the Report on the progress of the Regional Strategy and submitting it for consideration to the regular meeting of the Permanent Secretariat and the forthcoming Thirteenth IGC Meeting.

**6. On the progress of implementation by the countries of the Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA.**

The Meeting discussed the information on the status of implementation of the Agreement on Multimodal Transport (**Appendix 6**) and recommended that the non-signatory countries re-examine the possibility of participating in the Agreement.

The IGC addressed with a request to the countries participating in the Agreement that they take necessary measures to accelerate domestic procedures required for consideration of Ukraine’s appeal regarding the accession to the Agreement.



## **7. Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.**

### **7.1. Financial Reports on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2014 and 2015. Reports of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2014 and 2015.**

In accordance with p.11, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Financial Reports of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2014 and 2015 (**Appendices 7, 8**).

Based on budget procedure envisaged in p. 14, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Reports of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2014 and 2015 (**Appendix 9,10**).

### **7.2. On making changes in the structure of the support staff of the PS IGC TRACECA.**

For the purpose of ensuring the correspondence with the labour legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan the IGC TRACECA made changes in the structure of the support staff of the PS IGC TRACECA and introduced 2 units of technical staff (**Appendix 11**).

### **7.3. On the draft Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2016 and 2017**

In accordance with the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5, pp. 1-7 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, as well as in compliance with the recommendations of the Auditing Team of 25-26 February 2015, the IGC adopted and approved the submitted draft Budget of the PS for 2016 (**Appendix 12**). In accordance with the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5, pp. 1-7 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS the IGC adopted and approved the submitted draft Budget of the PS for 2017 (**Appendix 13**).

For the provision of the budget the contribution of the Parties shall be determined in equal shares of 60 000 (sixty thousand) Euros each. Payment of the contributions shall be done in accordance with p.1 Article 4 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

The IGC addressed to the Parties with the request to repay the arrears to the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2016.

### **7.4. Nomination of the Auditing Team on budget execution of the PS IGC TRACECA**

In accordance with p. 12 Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA and p.3, Article 3 of the Interim Regulations of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA, and taking into account that the Chairmanship of the IGC TRACECA will pass to Ukraine, in line with pp. 2 and 3, Article 3 of the Regulations of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA, the IGC TRACECA nominated an auditing team to effect control of the budget execution for 2016 consisting of the representatives from the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia, one representative from each of the above-listed countries.

## **8. Information on the Regular Thirteenth Annual IGC TRACECA Meeting.**

In compliance with the MLA and the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA the regular Thirteenth Annual IGC TRACECA Meeting is to be held in the following MLA member state according to the English alphabet – the Republic of Uzbekistan. In connection with the absence of the representatives of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the IGC charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of receiving the answer from Uzbekistan via diplomatic channels until 1 October 2016 on its preparedness to assume the chairmanship and to arrange the regular meeting. On expiry of the given time the IGC will address to the Republic of Armenia with the request to assume the chairmanship in the IGC.

**The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted on 1 June 2016, in Odessa, Ukraine, at the Twelfth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA by consensus of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement TRACECA.**

**Chairman of the IGC TRACECA**

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