

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries,**  
**Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)**  
**and the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA**  
**(PS IGC TRACECA)**

**Preamble**

*Noting that* the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) and the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission of the Transport Corridor Europe – The Caucasus-Asia (PS IGC TRACECA), hereinafter referred to as the `Parties`, have amongst others, as a common objective the sustainable development of transports – as a key factor to develop and improve the quality of life for people and establish connections with other countries;

*Recognizing* the considerable contribution of exchange of goods to the improvement of socio-economic conditions and the development of trade between countries and regions of Europe, the Caucasus and Asia;

*Noting* the Parties common interest in enhancing the cooperation between them with the view of promoting the safety, security and sustainability of transport and goods exchange;

*Noting* the Parties desire in particular to increase the exchange of information in all areas pertinent to transport;

The Parties have reached understanding on the following issues:

**Article 1. PURPOSE**

The UN-OHRLLS and the PS IGC TRACECA having common mandate to promote transport development plan to work together on the further development of transport corridors, as well as other transport infrastructure, facilitation and logistics issues.

**Article 2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR COOPERATION**

The Parties will be guided by the following general principles:

- Long-term approaches to inclusive and sustainable development;
- Encouragement of stakeholder's full participation; and
- Results-oriented development policies and programmes .

**Article 3. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

The Parties agree on cooperation in the following areas:

- Promotion of investments in transport infrastructure, including intermodal chains (dry ports) of the regions;
- Promotion of development of international transport and transit along the routes of Europe-the Caucasus-Asia.

- Practical realization of public private partnership by establishing and maintaining an ongoing dialogue on international transport and by reaching coordination of actions between the international organizations, state bodies, forwarders and forwarders' associations etc.
- Simplification and harmonization of border-crossing documentation and procedures including the application of information and communication technology in international transport;
- Promotion of effective operational practices and the improvement of the efficiency of intermodal transport and logistics;
- Promotion of policy measures for mitigating the environmental impact of international and transit transport;
- Promotion of safety in the field of transport;
- Development of effective strategies and programmes for human resources development in multimodal transport and logistics.
- All other areas of cooperation, in accordance to UN-OHRLLS and the PS IGC TRACECA statutes, regulations and strategies.

#### **Article 4. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

The Parties recognize that effective cooperation depends on open, comprehensive and regular exchange of information at the institutional level. To the extent possible under the information disclosure policies of two organizations, the Parties agree to make appropriate arrangements to:

- a. provide copies of publications and public documents related to traffic applying transport between two organizations to be maintained as reference documents;
- b. give notice, through information posted on the websites of each organization, of:
  - conferences, seminars and workshops being organized or sponsored: regional, state, sector and thematic policy/strategy documents;
  - programme and project approval documents;
  - regional programme, state programme, sectoral, project and other evaluations.

#### **Article 5. RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS**

The Parties recognize that appropriate representation is important for the purpose of joint positioning and advocacy. The Parties agree that invitations to the meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to cooperation in the priority areas set out in Article 3 of this MoU will be sent where this is deemed appropriate by the inviting Party.

#### **Article 6. PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS**

1. The Parties will convene periodic consultations to review the implementation of the programs in the progress and to discuss new challenges, opportunities and problems related to the areas of cooperation under this MoU.
2. The Parties will consider further cooperation activities, including any necessary amendments to this MoU.

3. The Parties agree to hold such consultations periodically as required and no less than once every two years.
4. For the purposes of the implementation of this MoU the Parties will prepare annually:
  - a. a list of all current operational cooperation activities and status of implementation;
  - b. a list with a brief description of all planned cooperation activities for the next year;
  - c. an indicative list of planned cooperation activities for two subsequent years.

#### **Article 7. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS**

For the purposes of the publicity of joint cooperation activities the Parties agree that:

- there will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each organization to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation,
- the use of emblems of each organization in documentation related to cooperation will be in accord with the current policies of each organization concerning such usage.

#### **Article 8. TERM AND REVIEW OF THE MOU**

1. This MoU enters into force from the date of its signing and approval by the IGC of TRACECA and is valid for a period of three years.
2. This MoU will be renewed for another three years unless one of the Parties denounces it at least six months prior the expiration date;
3. By mutual consent of the Parties this MoU may be amended. These amendments shall be done in a written form and constitute a separate part of this MOU.
4. Any specific activities under this MoU shall be covered by a project document or written agreement.

Done at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in 2 original copies, in the English and Russian languages.

In case of any divergence in the interpretation the English text will prevail.

For the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)

For the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (PS IGC TRACECA)

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