

PLAN OF ACTIONS for increase of competitiveness and attractiveness of TRACECA road routes and further development of international road traffic

№ n/n	Measures	Completion form	Entities responsible for implementation	Time-frame
1. Elaboration and coordination with the Parties of the provisions of the Plan of Actions for increase of competitiveness and attractiveness of TRACECA road routes and further development of international road traffic (continuation of the activity for the implementation of the Concept by the Parties adopted in 2010)				
1.1.	To submit the draft Plan of Actions to the MLA Parties for consideration and to follow it up taking into account the proposals of the Parties in accordance with the recommendations of the Permanent Secretariat Meeting as of 23 May 2017.	Completed document	The Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties	
2. Complex actions on harmonization and simplification of procedures on the border				
2.1.	To work on accession to the International Convention on Harmonization and Simplification of Customs Procedures, 1973 (revised and amended in 1993) and its effective implementation.	Information and proposals of the MLA Parties	Involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties	2018-2020
2.2	To elaborate a single integrated strategic document for monitoring joint control according to the scenario "Single Window – One Stop", proposals on joint examination of goods and motor vehicles, coordination of competent authorities. Regulation of customs service activities in order to avoid closing of the borders in the unilateral order. Implementation of electronic CMR (e-CMR).	Information and proposals of the MLA Parties	Permanent Secretariat, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties (with possible technical assistance of TRACECA projects by coordination between the PS and the EC)	2019-2020
2.3	Increase of the number of users of the system of electronic preliminary declaration of the transported cargo (TIR-EPD).. Implementation of the e-TIR system. Organization of experts' working groups and workshops jointly with IRU.	Information and proposals of the MLA Parties	Involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties, IRU (as agreed)	2018-2020
2.4	To mobilize concerted efforts of the Parties in modernization of the TRACECA customs posts applying recent technologies (X-Ray scanning of motor vehicles), enlargement of the posts infrastructure in order to increase their capacities.	Information and proposals of the MLA Parties	Involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties	2018-2020

2.5	To harmonize the requirements for weight and sizes of motor vehicles, introduce International certificate on weighing motor vehicles within the framework of Annex 8 of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, of 1982. (UN ECE). To undertake the activity on effective implementation of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (UN ECE). To adjust the legal framework of TRACECA countries in accordance with the requirements of Annex 8 of the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 (UN ECE).	Information and proposals of the MLA Parties Improvement of the legal framework	Involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties	2019-2020
2.6.	Harmonization of the level of collected dues by competent authorities of the Parties from cargo vehicles in transit traffic as well as improvement of the payments collection system. Examination of possible implementation of the payments collection system similar to a) Euro vignette (the EU experience) b) system of collecting road dues and charges from cargo vehicles using navigation satellite positioning aids allowing to calculate the size of payment depending on the length covered (the FRG experience)	Draft of the proposals	Permanent Secretariat, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties (with possible technical assistance of TA projects by coordination between the PS and donors)	2018-2019
2.7.	To regulate the activity applying the principle of prior passage of motor vehicles carrying perishable foodstuffs on the basis of the Agreement (ATP)	Information and the MLA Parties proposals	Permanent Secretariat, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties	2018-2020
3. Simplification of the order of entry and transit visas issue to professional drivers				
3.1.	To elaborate and submit for discussion the issues of simplification of visas issuance procedure to professional drivers of motor vehicles in the TRACECA region (including Schengen visas)	Information, elaboration of decisions	Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties.	2018-2020
3.2.	To promote cooperation with competent authorities of Turkmenistan regarding visa procedures within the framework of bilateral and multilateral meetings.	Creation of a simplified regime for visas distribution among professional drivers	Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties.)	2018-2020

4. Increase of competitiveness and attraction of traffic flow to the TRACECA corridor, improvement of the technology of traffic			
4.1.	Renewal or making amendments to the TRACECA Border Crossing Guide suggested by the IDEA TA Project in 2012. Putting it on the official web-site of TRACECA.	Removal of barriers -	Permanent Secretariat , involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties, 2019
4.2.	To develop and apply efficient technological schemes in organization of traffic in road-ferry communication, particularly organization of regular ferry and RO-RO transport on the Caspian Sea for road transport, to provide planned loading of ferry ships with containers and motor vehicles in the Trans-Caspian direction, establishment of a single coordination body. To elaborate the issue regarding the improvement of conditions of motor vehicles parking areas at ferries and container terminals of accumulators in the ports of Poti, Baku, Aktau, Turkmenbashi and the northern ports of Iran applying the rules of motor transport operation within the regional route leg. To establish close cooperation with major consignors of container freight and forwarding companies, flexible tariff rates of containers warehousing and transit turnover in the ports.	Organization of traffic	Permanent Secretariat , involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties 2018-2020
4.3.	To elaborate the issue of applying the technology of multimodal transport with participation of road transport, elaboration and implementation of a single multimodal transport document in accordance with the UNECE corresponding agreement.	Information	Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the Parties 2019-2020
4.4	To develop a special platform with the view of improving supply chains in line with encouraging logistics providers to benefit traffic flows of the TRACECA corridor, as well as enhancing the traffic efficiency through creation of special warehousing in certain junction points for commodities of special nomenclature (proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran).	Information, making new solutions	Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments 2019-2022
5. Monitoring and Implementation of the Plan of Actions			
5.1.	Implementation and application of the MLA Articles and Protocols in the field of transit, realization of the main aims and objectives of the Vienna Programme of Actions for the landlocked developing countries for a period of ten years 2014-2024.	Practical implementation of the MLA	Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, Depository of the MLA, MLA Parties 2018-2024
5.2.	To continue the activity for identification of the bottlenecks and administrative barriers along the TRACECA corridor for the purpose of their solution and gradual removal. To organize Joint Working Group meetings within the framework of Technical Annexes on	Information on the barriers and infringements of International Conventions, the MLA provisions and	Permanent Secretariat, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties regularly

	<p>International Road Transport and Customs and Documentation Procedures, to hold joint meetings for the implementation of this Plan of Actions.</p> <p>To promote the establishment of a monitoring system for collecting charges and servicing frequency and identifying the main problems as well as suggesting the appropriate solutions in this respect. To include in the top priority issues monitoring of the TRACECA corridor performance and improving the efficiency where needed. (Opinion of the Islamic Republic of Iran)</p>	<p>bilateral Agreements in the field of road transport, meetings and elaboration of joint decisions, removal of barriers</p>		
5.3.	<p>Effective and results-oriented operation of the "TRACECA Hot Line", organization of the Hot Line activities in the frontier zone in the whole transit area of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia corridor.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Information on the infringements and removal of illegal activities of the control services</p>	<p>Permanent Secretariat, the PS National Secretaries, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties, IRU and national associations of international road carriers in the MLA Parties (as agreed)</p>	<p>regularly</p>
5.4.	<p>Exchange of experience between the TRACECA region countries, struggle against corruption actions and illegal extortions on the road carried on by officials of the MLA countries.</p>	<p>Information of the Parties</p>	<p>Involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties</p>	<p>regularly</p>
5.5.	<p>Cooperation with financial institutions concerning joint identification of projects dealing with construction of the missing and straightening areas of infrastructure as well as auxiliary infrastructure facilities within the TRACECA priority directions and corridors, elaboration of investment proposals on planned financing with the participation of the private sector. Implementation of the "Model Highway" initiative</p>	<p>Construction works of separate road sections are ongoing within the East-West responsibility of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties.</p>	<p>Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties.</p>	<p>regularly</p>
5.6.	<p>Close cooperation with international organizations – UN ECE, UN ESCAP, the World Customs Organization, IRU, financial institutions.</p>	<p>Information</p>	<p>Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, involved Ministries and Departments of the MLA Parties.</p>	<p>regularly</p>