



THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA
Yerevan, Armenia, 6 March 2018

ТРИНАДЦАТОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА
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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Thirteenth Annual Meeting on 6 March, 2018, in Yerevan, the Republic of Armenia:

- discussed the issues according to the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
- heard the report of the Presiding Party in the IGC TRACECA, Ukraine, in the person of Mr. Victor Dovhan, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine for European Integration, on the implementation of the decisions of the Twelfth 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 Twelfth and Thirteenth 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 Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA for the development of the international transport corridor “Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for 2016-2026, elaborated on the basis of the Master Plan TRACECA and the proposals of the Parties for 2017-2020;
- considered the address by the Armenian Party on the priorities of implementation of the upcoming mandate of the Chairmanship in the Intergovernmental Commission;
- examined financial, institutional, legal and other issues vital for further development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) and increase of its competitiveness;
- based on 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 approval of the Action Plan for 2018-2021 for implementation of the Strategy of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor “Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for 2016-2026, elaborated on the basis of the Master Plan TRACECA and proposals of the Parties.**

The IGC TRACECA discussed and approved the Action Plan for 2018-2021 for implementation of the Strategy of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor “Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for 2016-2026, elaborated on the basis of the Master Plan TRACECA and proposals of the Parties (**Appendix 2**).

The IGC Parties will undertake necessary activities for the implementation of this Action Plan. The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan for 2018-2021.

2. On approval of the Roadmap for the development of international transport within the corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the 5-year period.

The IGC TRACECA discussed and approved the Roadmap for the development of international transport within the corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the five-year period (**Appendix 3**). The PS will, on the basis of the Parties' proposals, elaborate Appendix 1 to the Roadmap within 60 days. The MLA Parties will undertake necessary actions for the realization of the Roadmap. The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of monitoring the realization of the given document.

3. On approval of the "Plan of Actions for increase of competitiveness and attractiveness of TRACECA road routes and further development of international road traffic".

For the purpose of development of the international road freight carriage along the TRACECA corridor, the IGC considered and approved the *"Plan of Actions for increase of competitiveness and attractiveness of TRACECA road routes and further development of international road traffic"* (**Appendix 4**).

The IGC TRACECA charged the PS with the task of elaborating and publishing the thematic reference book *"TRACECA Guide for Border Crossing"* within the framework of the WG TRACECA on road transport within 60 days (**Appendix 5**).

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

The IGC TRACECA discussed the information on the progress of implementation 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 6**), and recommended that the Parties should continue the activities on the efficient implementation of the Strategy.

The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of regular monitoring of the Regional Strategy.

5. On granting the observer status in the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA to the Hellenic Republic.

The IGC TRACECA granted the observer status to the Hellenic Republic on the basis of the application in compliance with Rule 3.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA and the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA on the status of observer.

6. On the outcomes of the first year of operation of the TRACECA permits system for international road carriage.

The IGC TRACECA discussed the information on the outcomes of the first year of operation of the TRACECA permits system for the international road traffic (**Appendix 7**). The IGC calls on the countries to join this permit system for the purpose of further development of the international road traffic along the TRACECA corridor.

Following the objective of raising the efficiency of the TRACECA Permits System for the international road carriage the member countries recognized it necessary to increase the number of permits up to 500 forms for each individual country.

The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of making the corresponding amendments to the technical document "TRACECA Multilateral Permit. User Guide".

The member countries delegated the authority to their representatives in order to sign the decision at the next Meeting of the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) of the PS IGC TRACECA.

7. On the Memorandums of Understanding:

7.1. Memorandum of Understanding between the PS IGC TRACECA and the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce.

The IGC TRACECA welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Silk Road Chamber of International Commerce (**Appendix 8**) and charged the PS with the task of taking necessary measures to develop mutually advantageous cooperation.

7.2. Memorandums of Understanding between the PS IGC TRACECA and the CAREC Institute, the Crans-Montana Forum and the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

With its decision the IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat to finalize the drafts of the Memorandums of Understanding between the PS and the CAREC Institute, the Crans-Montana Forum and the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and to prepare them for signing during the next IGC Meeting (**Appendix 9, 10, 11**).

8. On the TRACECA Third Investment Forum.

The IGC TRACECA discussed the issue regarding the preparation for the TRACECA Third Investment Forum.

The Meeting recommended that the Parties, which had not submitted projects, should prepare and send their proposals to the PS by the 1st of September, 2018.

9. On the accession of the MLA Parties to the Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA, 16.06.2009, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan.

The Meeting participants heard the information on the status of accession of the MLA Parties to the Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA, 16.06.2009, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan.

The IGC TRACECA welcomed the intention of the countries to enlarge the application of the given Agreement and recommended that the non-aligned countries should examine the possibility of accession.

10. On financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

10.1. Financial Reports on the Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2016 and 2017. Reports of the Auditing Team on the Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2016 and 2017.

The IGC heard and adopted the Financial Reports of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA on the Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2016 and 2017 (**Appendices 12, 13**).

The IGC heard and adopted the Reports of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2016 and 2017 (**Appendices 14, 15**) with the Reservation of Ukraine (enclosed).

10.2. On the draft Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2018.

The IGC made a decision to elaborate the budget for 2018 (**Appendix 17**) taking into consideration the comments stated during the IGC Meeting, in particular, regarding the necessity of identifying the cost categories, showing the real cost saving for the past period, as well as appropriating funds for the development projects (technical assistance) within the framework of the TRACECA programme at the expense of costs reduction on the following categories:

- "4. PS Premise's Maintenance Costs",
- "5.1. PS Office Maintenance Costs",
- "6. Travel and Mobility Costs",
- "7. Investments/Reinvestments".

The funds for development are to be budgeted in Article 10.3 "Development projects". The PS will send the elaborated draft Budget for 2018 to the Parties within 30 days. The Parties will send their approval to the draft submitted by the PS within 60 days.

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 applied to the Parties with the request to meet their liabilities for 2018 in compliance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA, as well as to the Kyrgyz Republic to pay off the debts to the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2017 (**Appendix 16**).

10.3. Nomination of the Auditing Team on budget execution of the PS IGC TRACECA

The IGC TRACECA approved an auditing team to effect control of the budget execution for 2018 consisting of one representative from the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria and Ukraine each.

11. Elections of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA

In accordance with p.3.10 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA and pp. 3.2. and 3.3., Article 3 of the Statute on the PS IGC TRACECA dated 13th of October, 2010, the IGC TRACECA extended the terms of office of Mr. Mircea Ciopraga as Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA for one more chairmanship period of the MLA Party in the IGC.

The IGC charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of developing the proposal on making amendments to the Statute on the PS IGC TRACECA and the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, and submitting it to the Parties.

12. Information on the next Fourteenth Annual IGC TRACECA Meeting.

In accordance with the MLA and the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the next Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA will be held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, in 2019. The exact date of the Meeting will be determined by the Republic of Azerbaijan additionally.

The IGC expressed its gratitude to the Armenian Party for the provided hospitality and high level of conduct of the Meeting.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted on the 6th of March, 2018, in Yerevan, the Republic of Armenia, at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA by consensus of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement TRACECA.

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Chairman of the IGC TRACECA