



**FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COMMISSION TRACECA**
Baku, Azerbaijan, 6 December, 2019

**ЧЕТЫРНАДЦАТОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ
КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**
г. Баку, Азербайджан, 6 декабря 2019

FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Fourteenth Annual Meeting on 6 December 2019, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan:

- discussed the issues according to the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
- considered the Report of the Party completing its Chairmanship in the IGC on the implementation of the decisions of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting IGC TRACECA;
- taken into consideration the Report of the Secretary General, on the activities of the PS IGC TRACECA for the period between the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Annual IGC TRACECA Meetings;
- considered the Reports of the Parties to the “Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for 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 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 for 2017-2020;
- welcomed the intention of the upcoming Chairmanship to raise the effectiveness of the collaboration;
- 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 Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor”,

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

- 1. On realization 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 Report on the realization 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 for 2018 (**Appendix 2**).

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

2. On approval of the thematic Guide "TRACECA Guide for Border Crossing".

The IGC TRACECA approved the text of the thematic guide "TRACECA Guide for Border Crossing (**Appendix 3**) and charged the PS with the task of publishing this document on the TRACECA Internet page within 30 days.

3. 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 IGC TRACECA 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 4**), and recommended that the Parties should continue the activities on the efficient realization of the actions with the view of achieving lasting results under increasing requirements of international structures.

The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of regular monitoring of the realization of the measures within the Regional Action Strategy.

4. On the outcomes of functioning of the TRACECA multilateral permits system for international road traffic in 2018.

The IGC discussed the information on functioning of the TRACECA permits system for international road traffic in 2018 (**Appendix 5**), recognized this system to be promising and called on the interested countries to join this TRACECA permit system.

The IGC charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of informing the participants of the TRACECA Permit System about the initiative to increase the annual quota and to prepare this issue for consideration at the next IGC Meeting.

With the view of ensuring uninterrupted international transportation of freight in transit by road along the ITC TRACECA as well as avoiding quotas deficit and covering the needs of international carriers for sufficient number of transit quotas, the IGC TRACECA recommended that the Parties should take these factors into consideration in mutual determination of the number of allotted transit permits according to the received national requests (counter-inquiries of the Parties) within the framework of an exchange of bilateral permits on a parity basis between the member states of the IGC TRACECA.

5. On the Memorandum on Cooperation between the PS IGC TRACECA and the Association of Legal Entities “International Association “Trans-Caspian International Transport Route” (ALE “IA “TITR”).

The IGC TRACECA charged the Permanent Secretariat with the task of elaborating the presented draft (**Appendix 6**) with the signatories and the IGC Parties and preparing for further signature the Memorandum on Cooperation with the Association of Legal Entities “International Association “Trans-Caspian International Transport Route” (ALE “IA “TITR”).

6. On the accession of the countries to the Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA, 16.06.2009, Cholpon-Ata, Kyrgyzstan.

The Meeting 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.

7. Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

7.1. Financial Report on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2018. Report of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2018

Based on point 11, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the Meeting of the IGC passed the Financial Report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2018 (**Appendix 7**). In compliance with the budget procedure provided in point 14, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC passed the Report of the Auditing Team on Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2018 taking into consideration the observations of the Permanent Secretariat (**Appendices 8 and 8.1**). The IGC points out the necessity of taking into consideration the recommendations of the Auditing Team corresponding to the provisions of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA and the Temporary Regulations for the Work of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA, reflected in the Audit Report.

7.2. On the drafts Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2019 and 2020.

The IGC Meeting adopted and passed the submitted draft Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2019 (**Appendix 9**) in compliance with the budgetary procedure envisaged in points 1-7, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA as well as pursuant to the recommendations of the Auditing Team as of 24-25.01.2019. In compliance with the budgetary procedure envisaged in points 1-7, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted and passed the draft budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2020 submitted by the PS (**Appendix 10**).

For the provision of the budget the contribution of the Parties shall be determined in equal shares of 60 000 (sixty thousand) Euros each. In order to promote the sustainability of the budget, the IGC called on the countries to perform the payment of the contributions 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 pay off the debts to the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for the previous years.

The IGC is addressing to the Republic of Uzbekistan to accede to the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

7.3. 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, taking into account that the Chairmanship of the IGC TRACECA will pass to the Republic of Azerbaijan, and 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 2019 consisting of the representatives from the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Bulgaria and Georgia, one representative from each of the above-listed countries.

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


In accordance with p. 3.10, Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, and pp. 3.2, 3.3, Article 3 of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA of 13 October 2010 the IGC TRACECA elected Mr. Asset Assavbayev (Republic of Kazakhstan) as Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA.

9. Information on holding the next Fifteenth Annual IGC TRACECA Meeting

In accordance with the MLA and the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA the next Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA will take place in the Republic of Bulgaria, in April 2021. The date and the venue of the meeting will be determined additionally.

The IGC expressed its gratitude to the Azerbaijan Party for the extended hospitality and the high level of holding the Meeting.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted on 6 December 2019, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, at the Fourteenth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA by consensus of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement TRACECA.



Chairman of the IGC TRACECA