

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

**Preamble**

*Noting that* the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission of the Transport Corridor Europe –the Caucasus-Asia (PS IGC TRACECA) and the UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), hereinafter referred to as the `Parties`, have amongst others, as a common objective the sustainable development of transport – 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. INTRODUCTION**

UN-OHRLLS and PS IGC TRACECA reaffirm their desire to work together in the field of transport development through the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The parties acknowledge that no contractual relationship or obligations of a financial nature are created by this Memorandum but agree to work together in the spirit of partnership in the areas of cooperation.

**Article 2. PURPOSE**

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

**Article 3. 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 4. 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.
- • Integration and application of Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries, promotion of simplification, harmonization, and standardization of border-crossing documentation and procedures including the application of information and communication technology in trade and transport facilitation
- Promotion of effective operational practices and the improvement of the efficiency of intermodal transport and logistics;
- Promote sharing of best practices in border and corridor management and in the implementation of the trade and transport facilitation policies;
- 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 5. 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 and of published reports.

#### **Article 6. 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 7. 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 8. FOCAL POINTS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MoU**

The Parties agree to designate the following as focal points for the activities under this MoU:

1. for the UN-OHRLLS: Chief Policy Development, Coordination, Monitoring and Reporting Service \_\_\_\_\_
2. for the PS IGC TRACECA: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Article 9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS**

The UN-OHRLLS and the PS IGC TRACECA recognize that the involvement of both organizations and joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. They agree that:

1. 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,
2. 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.
3. Neither Party will acquire any right, title or interest in or to any intellectual property, names, emblems or marks of the other Party.

### **Article 10. TERM AND RENEWAL OF THE MOU**

The UN-OHRLLS and the PS IGC TRACECA agree that:

1. The term of this MoU shall begin from the date of completing the procedures of signature and approval by respective governing bodies of both Parties and shall be valid for a period of three years;
2. MoU will be renewed for another three years if both parties don't denounce it at least six months prior the expiration date;
3. The MoU can be terminated before its validity by filing a written notice and sent at least three months before desired termination date.

### **Article 11. MISCELLANEOUS**

Any specific activities under this MoU shall be covered by a project document or written agreement;

This MoU may be amended, only in written form and signed by mutual consent of the Parties;

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 Permanent Secretariat of the  
Intergovernmental Commission  
TRACECA

For the UN Office of the High  
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