

## Decision on making amendments to some TRACECA documents in connection with the establishment of the TRACECA Fund

The Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA during its Seventeenth Annual Meeting, held in the city of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on February 26, 2025, in connection with the establishment of the TRACECA Fund, approved the following additions and amendments to

- 1 Statute of the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA:
  - 1.1. Following definition should be added to the paragraph 1.1. of the Article 1: "TRACECA Fund means a fund that is not a separate legal entity and is structurally part of the PS, but has a separate settlement account and operates under the oversight of the IGC and with the administrative support of the PS, with its activities governed by the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund, approved by the IGC";
  - 1.2. Paragraph 2.2. of the Article 2 should be supplemented with subparagraph 2.2.4. as follows:
  - "2.2.4. to contribute to achieving the MLA objectives through administration and technical assistance to the activities of the TRACECA Fund.";
  - 1.3. Paragraph 2.3. of the Article 2 should be supplemented with subparagraphs 2.3.19-1, and 2.3.19-2, as follows:
  - "2.3.19-1. assisting in organizing meetings of the Steering Committee of the TRACECA Fund with provision of administrative and technical support;
  - 2.3.19-2. administering the TRACECA Fund in accordance with the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund adopted under Rule 14 of the IGC Rules of Procedure."
  - 1.4. Paragraph 6.6. of the Article 6 should be supplemented with subparagraph 6.6.14-1. as follows:
  - "6.6.14-1. perform the initial call and selection of applications for obtaining funding from the TRACECA Fund in terms of their compliance with the established criteria, as well as in terms of the application submission procedure, correctness of its completion and sufficiency of the related documents."
- 2. Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA:
  - 2.1. Following definition should be added to the Rule 2:

"TRACECA Fund means a fund that is not a separate legal entity and is structurally part of the PS, but has a separate settlement account and operates under the oversight of the IGC and with the administrative support of the PS, with its activities governed by the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund, approved by the IGC.";

2.2. Paragraph 4.1. of the Rule 4 should be worded as follows:

"The purposes of the IGC are to promote the objectives of the MLA, to facilitate the application of its provisions and to supervise their implementation through the PS, as well as to evaluate the activities of the TRACECA Fund. In order to fulfil its mission, it requests the PS to carry out the following tasks, employing for these purposes WGs established for international road transport, railway transport, commercial maritime navigation, customs and documentation procedures and other fields of international transport as defined in the MLA»;

- 2.3. Paragraph 4.1. of the Rule 4 should be supplemented with subparagraphs 4.1.8. and 4.1.9. as follows:
- "4.1.8. to make proposals which determine the general policy of the TRACECA Fund and priority areas of financing;
- 4.1.9. to evaluate the activities of the TRACECA Fund based on annual progress and audit reports submitted by the Steering Committee."
- 2.4. After Rule 11, Rule 12 should be provided for as follows:

"RULE 12 Evaluation of the TRACECA Fund's activities

- 12.1. The TRACECA Fund, established by decision of the IGC, shall operate under the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund, adopted as a separate document.
- 12.2. The Secretary General, as defined in the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund, shall report annually to the IGC on its activities.
- 12.3. Amendments to the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund shall require the approval by the IGC.
- 12.4. The IGC may dissolve the TRACECA Fund in accordance with Section 9 of its Rules of Operation."
- 2.5. Rules 12 and 13 should be renumbered as 13 and 14 respectively.
- Rules for formation and execution of the budget of the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA:
  - 3.1. Paragraph 2 of the Article 1 of the Rules should be worded as follows:
  - "2. The present Rules shall regulate the procedure of formation and execution of the annual budget of the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (hereinafter referred to as the Permanent Secretariat). Financial operations for the TRACECA Fund (e.g. budget formation, procedure of receiving contributions and

distributing funds) shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund."

3.2. Paragraph 2 of the Article 3 of the Rules should be supplemented with the following paragraph:

"It is not allowed to use the funds of the TRACECA Fund in the income or expenditure part of the budget of the Permanent Secretariat."

Chairman of the IGC TRACECA