

On making amendments to some TRACECA documents

The Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA, during its Seventeenth Annual Meeting held in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran on February 26, 2025, in order to improve the procedures, decided to make the following amendments and additions to:

1. Rules of Procedure of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA:

1) In Rule 2, the definition of "Chairman of the IGC" shall be amended as follows:

"Chairman of the IGC means the Head of Delegation of the Party where the meeting is held."

2) Rule 6 shall be amended as follows:

6.1. The IGC shall meet regularly, not less than once a year, on a rotational basis in each of the Parties in accordance with Article 8 of the MLA.

6.2. The Chairmanship in the IGC shall rotate according to the English alphabetical order.

6.3. The term of Chairmanship in the IGC of each Party shall last for one year, starting annually on the first day of March and ending on the last day of February of the following year.

6.4. Each of the Parties shall be entitled to hold meetings of the IGC during the first 9 months of its term of Chairmanship in the IGC.

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6.5. Meetings of the IGC shall be held at the proposal of the Chairman of the IGC or any of the Parties, with the participation of representatives of the Parties, who may invite relevant experts to attend.

6.6. In case of necessity, expiration of the term of office or early dismissal of the Secretary General of the PS, the IGC meeting shall be held at the proposal of any of the Parties if the Chairman Party does not ensure the holding of the IGC meeting.

6.7. By decision of the Chairman of the IGC, meetings shall be held in open and closed format depending on the issues under consideration, and representatives of states that obtained observer status in the IGC may be invited to participate in open meetings.

6.8. The meetings may be held via web-conferencing when necessary, including in cases related to minimization of the risks for health and lives of the participants, if there are corresponding decisions of the competent authorities of the Host Party or international health organizations. When the IGC meeting is held via web conferencing, the Party where the Meeting is held shall be considered to be the Chairman Party or, in case of its absence, the Party at whose proposal the meeting is held.

6.9. Invitations to the meeting shall be sent to the Parties on behalf of the Party where the Meeting is held, via diplomatic channels and by e-mail, no later than sixty days before the meeting.

6.10. The agenda of the IGC meetings shall be agreed upon by the Secretary General of the PS with the Chairman of the IGC before it is sent to the Parties.

6.11. The PS shall send the draft agenda and draft documents to the Parties, associate members and observers in the IGC by e-mail no later than thirty days before the meeting.

6.12. The meetings shall be chaired by the Chairman of the IGC.

6.13. The draft agenda shall be discussed and adopted during the meeting. A new item may be included in the agenda by consensus, the consideration of which does not require special internal approval procedures.”;

3) Paragraph 10.1. of Rule 10 shall be excluded.

2. Statute of the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA:

1) in paragraph 1.1. the definition of “Chairman of the IGC” shall be amended as follows:

“Chairman of the IGC means the Head of Delegation of the Party where the meeting is held.”

2.2. The last sub-paragraph of paragraph 3.5. shall be amended as follows:

‘In this case, the IGC shall convene the meeting in accordance with the procedure envisaged in paragraph 6.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA. Prior to the IGC meeting, the powers of the Secretary General shall be delegated to the Head of Policy Development and Monitoring Division of the PS IGC TRACECA.’