



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, February 26, 2025

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МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА
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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Seventeenth Annual Meeting on 26 February 2025, in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran:

- discussed the issues in accordance with the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
 - congratulated Turkmenistan on its accession to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (MLA);
 - heard the report of Mr. Asset Assavbayev, Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat (PS) of the IGC TRACECA on the activities of the PS IGC TRACECA in the period between the Sixteenth and the Seventeenth Annual Meetings of the IGC TRACECA;
 - heard the speeches of the MLA Parties on the work done to implement the decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA, the Strategy of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2016-2026 (Strategy);
 - taking into account the appeal of the Iranian Party on the priorities of fulfilling the mandate of the Chairman in the IGC TRACECA;
 - considered financial, institutional, legal, conceptual and other issues that are important for the further development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) and increasing its competitiveness;
- on the basis of Article 8 of the MLA

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

1. On the realization of the Action Plan for 2022-2026 for implementation of the Strategy of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2016-2026 worked out on the basis of the TRACECA Master Plan and proposals of the Parties.

The IGC TRACECA heard the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for 2022-2026 for implementation of the Strategy worked out on the basis of the TRACECA Master Plan and proposals of the MLA Parties for 2022 and 2023 (**Appendix 2**), prepared by the PS IGC TRACECA based on the reports of the MLA Parties.

The IGC TRACECA:

- 1) took note of this Report and recommended the MLA Parties to continue the work on the implementation of activities of the Action Plan for 2022-2026 for implementation of the Strategy;
- 2) recommended that the MLA Parties submit proposals to the PS IGC TRACECA to be further considered in the work on the development of the Strategy for 2027-2036 not later than September 1, 2025;
- 3) instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to:

- annually prepare the Report on the implementation of the Action Plan for 2022-2026 for implementation of the Strategy based on the reports of the MLA Parties and submit it at the Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for consideration;
- start preparing the draft Strategy for 2027-2036, considering the proposals of the MLA Parties, and submit the agreed version of the document at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for approval.

2. On monitoring of the implementation of the IGC TRACECA decisions by the MLA Parties (review of outstanding decisions of the IGC) and the status of accession to the TRACECA international agreements.

The IGC TRACECA heard and discussed the Information on the implementation of the Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA in the period of 2013-2024 (**Appendix 3**) and the status of accession to the TRACECA international agreements (**Appendix 4**).

The IGC TRACECA:

- approved the Information on the implementation of the Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA in the period of 2013-2024 and the proposal of the PS IGC TRACECA to remove items 1 and 7 from the list of resolutions to be monitored;
- took note of the information on the work done by the Parties on accession to the TRACECA international agreements and recommended that the MLA Parties that have not acceded to the TRACECA international agreements expedite consideration of the possibility of acceding to them;
- instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to continue monitoring of the implementation of the Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA and accession to the TRACECA international agreements.

3. On the TRACECA Permits System.

3.1. On the results of the TRACECA Permits System operation for international road transport in 2022 and 2023.

The IGC TRACECA discussed and approved the information on the results of the TRACECA Permits System operation for international road transport in 2022 and 2023 (**Appendices 5 and 6**).

The IGC TRACECA calls upon the MLA Parties to accede to the TRACECA Permits System for further development of international road transport.

The member countries of the TRACECA Permits System took note of the intention of the Kyrgyz Republic to accede to the TRACECA Permits System.

The member countries of the TRACECA Permits System have recognized the need for its further development by increasing the quota of multilateral TRACECA permits and the number of member countries.

3.2. On making amendments to the Technical Document “TRACECA Multilateral Permit” User Guide.

The IGC TRACECA considered the draft Decision “On making amendments to the Technical Document “TRACECA Multilateral Permit” User Guide” (**Appendix 7**), prepared by the PS IGC TRACECA and member countries of the TRACECA Permits System, and approved the proposal for its adoption.

The member countries of the TRACECA Permits System delegate authority to their representatives to sign the above-mentioned draft Decision in 2025.

4. On the results of evaluating checkpoints for 2022 and 2023.

The IGC TRACECA, positively assessing the efforts of the PS IGC TRACECA and the MLA Parties to evaluate the performance of checkpoints, approved the Evaluation Report on Performance of Checkpoints along TRACECA Routes for 2022 and 2023 (**Appendices 8 and 9**).

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the PS IGC TRACECA together with the MLA Parties continue the evaluation of checkpoints in 2025 and submit its results at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for consideration.

5. On the recommendations on minimum requirements for the equipment of checkpoints.

The IGC TRACECA approved the Recommendations on minimum requirements for the equipment of checkpoints (**Appendix 10**) and recommended that the MLA Parties take into account the Recommendations in the work of the competent authorities at the national level.

6. On the Report on freight traffic statistics along the routes of the TRACECA corridor for 2022 and 2023.

The IGC TRACECA heard and discussed the Report on freight traffic statistics along the routes of the TRACECA corridor for 2022 and 2023 (**Appendices 11 and 12**) and recommended that the MLA Parties take measures to improve the quality of the provided transport data in order to increase the reliability of the statistics in accordance with the timeframes set in the Methodology for the generation of statistical data along the routes of the TRACECA corridor.

The IGC TRACECA instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to continue the annual collection of statistical data in order to inform the MLA Parties about the actual aggregate data on the volumes of goods transported along the TRACECA routes and to prepare the Report.

7. On the establishment of the TRACECA Fund.

The IGC TRACECA approved the proposal for the establishment of the TRACECA Fund (**Appendix 13**), the Rules of Operation of the TRACECA Fund (**Appendix 14**), amendments to some TRACECA documents in connection with the establishment of the TRACECA Fund (**Appendix 15**) and identified digitalization, border crossing facilitation, rolling stock renewal, maritime transport development and skills development as priority areas for financing.

The IGC TRACECA authorized the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA to represent the TRACECA Fund in foreign relations and to facilitate fundraising for the TRACECA Fund, as well as to manage and financially administer the TRACECA Fund.

The IGC TRACECA instructed:

- the PS IGC TRACECA to take appropriate measures to ensure the functioning of the TRACECA Fund and to facilitate the effective functioning of the Steering Committee;
- the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) of the PS IGC TRACECA in the MLA Parties to start work on the initial assessment and selection of projects at the national level.

8. On the work done on the establishment of the TRACECA Business Council.

The IGC TRACECA heard the report on the work done on the establishment of the TRACECA Business Council (**Appendices 16 and 17**) and instructed the PS IGC TRACECA together with the MLA Parties to finalise the text of the Main Provisions of the TRACECA Business Council and submit the agreed version of the document at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for approval.

9. On the Review on the use of semi-trailers as separate transport units in multimodal transport.

The IGC TRACECA considered and approved the Review on the use of semi-trailers as separate transport units in multimodal transport (**Appendix 18**).

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the MLA Parties take measures according to the recommendations of the Review in order to further develop the transport of goods by semi-trailers.

10. On the Review of bonded warehouses/zones (International experience and practice of the TRACECA countries).

The IGC TRACECA discussed and approved the Review of bonded warehouses/zones (International experience and practice of the TRACECA countries) (**Appendix 19**) and recommended that the MLA Parties take into account the provisions of the Review in the work of the competent authorities at the national level.

11. On the Action Plan for the transition to the application of electronic permit forms (bilateral) between the MLA Parties.

Recognizing the need for digitalization of international road transport, the IGC TRACECA approved the Action Plan for the transition to the application of electronic permit forms (bilateral) between the MLA Parties (**Appendix 20**) and recommended that the MLA Parties continue the digitalization of permit forms according to the terms outlined in the Plan.

12. On the main approaches to reforming TRACECA.

12.1. On making amendments to some TRACECA documents

The IGC TRACECA heard the information on the work done on making amendments to some TRACECA documents according to the MLA provisions (**Appendices 21 and 22**) and recommended that:

- the MLA Parties submit to the PS IGC TRACECA the proposals to the text of the draft Decision of the IGC TRACECA within two months from date of this Meeting (not later than April 25, 2025);
- the PS IGC TRACECA send the received proposals to the MLA Parties for further discussion of the draft Decision of the IGC TRACECA;
- the MLA Parties together with PS IGC TRACECA finalise the text of the draft Decision of the IGC TRACECA and submit the report on the work done at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for consideration.

12.2. On the TRACECA Reform Concept Note.

The IGC TRACECA considered the draft of the TRACECA Reform Concept Note (**Appendix 23**) proposed by the Turkish Party, as well as acknowledging the positive work done for improving the TRACECA activity, agreed on the necessity for further reforming in order to improve the TRACECA activity and instructed:

- the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) of the PS IGC TRACECA in the MLA Parties to prepare proposals (ideas) on the areas requiring improvement, including the TRACECA administrative and legal instruments within two months (until April 25, 2025);
- the PS IGC TRACECA to send a consolidated package of the proposals to the MLA Parties;
- the PS IGC TRACECA to finalise the TRACECA Reform Concept Note and submit the report on the work done at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for consideration.

13. On financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

13.1. On the Financial Report on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2022-2024 and Report of the Auditing Team on the Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA Budget for 2022-2024.

The IGC TRACECA, in compliance with point 11 of Article 5 and point 14 of Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA between the Governments of the Parties to the MLA (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement), adopted the Financial Report on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2022-2024 (**Appendices 24-26**) and the Report of the Auditing Team on the Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA Budget for 2022-2024 (**Appendices 27-29**).

13.2. On approval of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2024-2026.

The IGC TRACECA adopted and approved the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2024-2026 (**Appendices 30-35**), prepared in compliance with points 1-7 of Article 5 of the Agreement and paragraph 1 of Article 3 of the Rules for formation and execution of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA.

13.3. On the composition of the Auditing Team on the execution of the PS IGC TRACECA Budget for 2025.

In the circumstances of not holding the Meeting of the IGC TRACECA in 2024, the IGC TRACECA took note of the information on the composition of the auditing team on the execution of the PS IGC TRACECA budget for 2024 in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 5 of the Rules for formation and execution of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA, consisting of representatives of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Kazakhstan in accordance with paragraph 13.5. of the Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA dated 10 February 2023.

According to point 12 of Article 5 of the Agreement and paragraph 4 of Article 5 of the Rules for formation and execution of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA, taking into account the transition of the Chairmanship of the IGC TRACECA from Georgia to the Islamic Republic of Iran, the IGC TRACECA determined the following composition of the auditing team on the execution of the PS IGC TRACECA budget for 2025 - the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic (in case of non-payment of contributions for the reporting period by one of the designated Parties to the Agreement, this right may be transferred to a Party to the Agreement in ascending alphabetical order).

13.4. On determining the amount of the annual contribution of the MLA Parties for 2025 and 2026.

For the provision of the PS IGC TRACECA budget for 2025 and 2026, the contribution of the MLA Parties shall be determined in equal shares of 60 000 (sixty thousand) euros from each MLA Party.

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the MLA Parties transfer the contributions in accordance with point 1 of Article 4 of the Agreement.

The IGC TRACECA welcomed information on the accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Agreement.

The IGC TRACECA addressed to:

- the Turkmen Party with a request to expedite the procedures for accession to the Agreement;
- the Depository of the MLA (the Republic of Azerbaijan) with a request that all states seeking accession to the MLA (or membership to the IGC TRACECA) shall be notified to undertake legislative procedural measures so that ratification of the MLA and Agreement should be made simultaneously.

14. On granting Latvia observer status in the IGC TRACECA.

The IGC TRACECA welcomed the intention of Latvia to obtain observer status in the IGC TRACECA and made a decision to grant it for a two-year period.

15. On the extension of the observer status of the Hellenic Republic in the IGC.

Based on the appeal of the Hellenic Republic, the IGC TRACECA made a decision to extend its observer status in the IGC TRACECA for a two-year period.

16. Information on holding the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA.

In accordance with the MLA and Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA will be held in the Republic of Kazakhstan in February 2026. The exact date of the Meeting will be determined by the Kazakhstan Party additionally and communicated to the MLA Parties in advance.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted by consensus of the MLA Parties on 26 February 2025, at the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA, in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran.


Chairman of the IGC TRACECA