



**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA**
Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, May 15, 2026

**ВОСЕМНАДЦАТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**
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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Eighteenth Annual Meeting on 15 May 2026, in Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan:

- discussed the issues in accordance with the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
- heard the report of Mr. Asset Assavbayev, Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA (hereinafter – the PS IGC TRACECA) on the activities of the PS IGC TRACECA in the period between the Seventeenth and the Eighteenth Annual Meetings of the IGC TRACECA;
- heard the speeches of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (hereinafter – the MLA) on the work done to implement the decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA and the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2016-2026 (hereinafter – the Strategy);
- taking into account the appeal of the Kazakhstan Party on the priorities of fulfilling the mandate of the Chairman of 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 draft Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2027-2036.

The IGC TRACECA instructed the PS IGC TRACECA, jointly with the MLA Parties, to complete the work on the finalisation of the draft Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2027-2036 (**Appendix 2**) by the end of September 2026 and to submit the agreed document for approval at an extraordinary IGC Meeting before the end of the current year.

2. On the draft Action Plan for 2027-2030 for implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2027-2036.

The IGC TRACECA instructed the PS IGC TRACECA, jointly with the MLA Parties, to complete the work on the finalisation of the draft Action Plan for 2027–2030 for the implementation of the IGC TRACECA Strategy for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2027-2036 (**Appendix 3**) by the end of September 2026 and to submit the agreed document for approval at an extraordinary IGC Meeting before the end of the current year.

3. On the signing of the Agreement on Single Transit Permit of TRACECA.

The IGC TRACECA, taking into account point 7 of the Final Resolutions of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA of 21 October 2021, welcomed the signing of the Agreement on Single Transit Permit of TRACECA (**Appendix 4**) by the authorized heads of delegations of the interested MLA Parties and called upon the remaining MLA Parties to consider the possibility of acceding to the said Agreement.

The IGC TRACECA instructed the PS IGC TRACECA, jointly with the interested MLA Parties, to take the necessary measures to ensure the implementation of the Agreement on Single Transit Permit of TRACECA with regard to the establishment of an information system (web portal), as well as the development and approval of the relevant Technical Manual for operating the above-mentioned system.

4. 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 realization 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 Parties for 2024 (**Appendix 5**), 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 that the MLA Parties continue the work on carrying out activities of the Action Plan for 2022-2026;
- 2) instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to annually prepare the Report on the realization 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.

5. On monitoring the implementation of the IGC TRACECA decisions by the MLA Parties 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 2013-2025 (**Appendix 6**) and the status of accession to the TRACECA international agreements (**Appendix 7**).

The IGC TRACECA welcomed the accession of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA between the Governments of the Parties to the MLA.

The IGC TRACECA:

- 1) approved the information on the implementation of the Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA in the period of 2013-2025 and the proposal of the PS IGC TRACECA to remove points 6, 8, 19, 22-24, 26 and 29 from the list of resolutions to be monitored;
- 2) took note of the information on the work done by the MLA 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;
- 3) 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.

6. On the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System.

6.1. On the results of the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System operation for international road transport in 2024.

The IGC TRACECA discussed and approved the information on the results of the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System operation for international road transport in 2024 (**Appendix 8**).

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

6.2. On accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System.

The IGC TRACECA welcomed the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System and instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to ensure the production of permit forms for the Parties to the Multilateral Permits System of the 2027 series, taking into account the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The IGC TRACECA called upon the remaining MLA Parties to consider the accession to the TRACECA Multilateral Permits System for further development of international road transport.

7. On the results of evaluating road checkpoints for 2024.

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 Road Checkpoints along TRACECA Routes for 2024 (**Appendix 9**).

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the PS IGC TRACECA jointly with the MLA Parties continue the evaluation of road checkpoints in 2026 and submit its results at the next Meeting of the IGC TRACECA for consideration.

8. On the Report on freight traffic statistics along the routes of the TRACECA corridor for 2024.

The IGC TRACECA heard and discussed the Report on freight traffic statistics along the routes of the TRACECA corridor for 2024 (**Appendix 10**) 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 timeframe set in the Methodology for the generation of statistical data along the routes of the TRACECA corridor.

The IGC TRACECA:

- 1) instructed the PS IGC TRACECA, jointly with the MLA Parties, to work on updating the Methodology for the generation of statistical data along the routes of the TRACECA corridor taking into account the availability of the relevant statistical data in the MLA Parties, as well as the possibility of harmonizing the Methodology for the generation of statistical data along the routes of the TRACECA corridor in accordance with standards, applied by international organizations;
- 2) instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to submit the draft updated Methodology for consideration and approval at the next Meeting of the IGC TRACECA.

9. On the Review of national programme/strategic documents of the TRACECA countries in the field of transport.

The IGC TRACECA considered and approved the Review of national programme/strategic documents of the TRACECA countries in the field of transport (**Appendix 11**) which was used as an

analytical basis for the elaboration of the draft Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the period 2027-2036.

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the MLA Parties study the Review, including the work carried out by bordering countries and studies conducted by international financial institutions, and take it into account during the elaboration of strategic directions for the development of the transport sector at the national level, with a view to coordinating efforts for the enhancement of cross-border transport connectivity.

10. On the Analytical Note on Joint Border Crossing Points.

The IGC TRACECA considered and approved the Analytical Note on Joint Border Crossing Points (**Appendix 12**).

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the MLA Parties take into account the provisions of the Analytical Note on Joint Border Crossing Points and the Model Agreement attached thereto when considering the issue of introduction of joint border crossing points.

The IGC TRACECA reiterated the importance of joint IRU-TRACECA project on road caravan passing through the countries of Central Asia, Iran and Türkiye, and instructed the PS IGC TRACECA together with en-route members-states to define a date for launching this project and submit a report on the work done at the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA.

11. On the establishment of the TRACECA Business Council.

The IGC TRACECA heard information on the work carried out on the establishment of the TRACECA Business Council and instructed the PS IGC TRACECA, jointly with the MLA Parties, to continue work on finalizing the text of the Main Provisions of the TRACECA Business Council (**Appendices 13 and 14**) taking into account the views of business communities.

12. On the main approaches to reforming TRACECA.

12.1. On making amendments to some TRACECA documents.

The IGC TRACECA considered and approved the Decision on making amendments to some TRACECA documents, namely the Rules of Procedure of the IGC and the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA (**Appendix 15**), and resolved that the amendments made shall enter into force from the date of signing of the present Final Resolutions by the Chairman of the IGC, with the exception of the new wordings of points 6.1, 6.3 and 10.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2027.

The IGC TRACECA called upon the MLA Parties to ensure the implementation of the provisions of the TRACECA regulatory documents in their new wordings.

12.2. On the TRACECA Reform Concept.

The IGC TRACECA considered and approved the TRACECA Reform Concept (**Appendix 16**), and decided that the results of the feasibility study to be conducted by an independent international consultant be included in the aforesaid Concept.

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the PS IGC TRACECA jointly with the MLA Parties take measures to implement the key areas requiring improvement in accordance with the Concept with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of TRACECA activity, and annually submit the report on the work done for consideration at the Meeting of the IGC TRACECA.

13. On the draft Decision on making amendments to some TRACECA documents in connection with accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the Schengen Area.

The IGC TRACECA considered and approved the Decision on making amendments to some TRACECA documents in connection with the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the Schengen Area (**Appendix 17**) and instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to update the relevant TRACECA documents.

14. On the digitalization of the TRACECA corridor.

14.1. On the Report on the Legal Status of Digital Transport Documents in the Middle Corridor.

The IGC TRACECA considered and took note of the Report on the Legal Status of Digital Transport Documents in the Middle Corridor (**Appendix 18**).

The IGC TRACECA:

- 1) recommended that the MLA Parties covered by the Report take into account the conclusions and recommendations contained therein in the improvement and harmonisation of the processes of digitalisation of transport documents along the TRACECA corridor;
- 2) instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to explore the possibility of preparing similar studies on other routes of the TRACECA corridor.

14.2. On the draft Agreement on the application of electronic documents along the ITC TRACECA.

The IGC TRACECA considered the draft Agreement on the application of electronic documents along the ITC TRACECA (**Appendix 19**) and took note of the intention of the interested MLA Parties to continue work on it, and recommended that the interested MLA Parties take active measures for its finalisation and subsequent signing.

15. On the work done on the pilot project for the use of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note.

The IGC TRACECA considered and took note of the Report on the work done within the framework of the pilot project on the application of the electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note (**Appendix 20**).

The IGC TRACECA recommended that the PS IGC TRACECA:

- 1) subject to the interest of the railway operators of the MLA Parties participating in the pilot project, continue the implementation of the pilot project for a period of two years, with conduct of testing at least twice a year, for the purpose of further improving the automated connection for exchange processes and enhancing the quality of the data transmitted;
- 2) consider the possibility of further expansion of the pilot project (for example, involving other interested parties in testing), as well as its linkage with other relevant pilot projects (such as the use of electronic SMGS consignment note; electronic exchange of information between ports).

Subject to the readiness of the railway operators of the MLA Parties to resume discussion of the draft Agreement between railway operators on electronic data exchange and the use of the electronic CIM/SMGS consignment note, to continue work on finalising the draft Agreement with a view to transitioning to the regular exchange of electronic CIM/SMGS consignment notes.

16. On financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

16.1. On the Financial Report on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2025 and Report of the Auditing Team on the Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA Budget for 2025.

The IGC TRACECA, pursuant to point 11 of Article 5 and in accordance with point 14 of Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA, adopted the Financial Report on Budget Execution by the PS IGC TRACECA for 2025 (**Appendix 21**) and the Report of the Auditing Team on the Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA Budget for 2025 (**Appendix 22**).

16.2. On the approval of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2027.

The IGC TRACECA adopted and approved the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2027 (**Appendices 23 and 24**), prepared in compliance with points 1-7 of Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA and paragraph 1 of Article 3 of the Rules for formation and execution of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA.

16.3. On the composition of the Auditing Team on the execution of the PS IGC TRACECA Budget for 2026.

In accordance with point 12 of Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA 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 the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Republic of Kazakhstan, the IGC TRACECA determined the following composition of the Auditing Team on the execution of the PS IGC TRACECA budget for 2026 – Georgia, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Moldova (in the event of non-payment of contributions for the reporting period by one of the designated Parties to the Agreement, this right shall be transferred to a Party to the Agreement in ascending alphabetical order).

16.4. On determining the amount of the annual contribution of the MLA Parties for 2027 and 2028.

For the provision of the PS IGC TRACECA budget for 2027 and 2028, the contribution of the MLA Parties shall be determined in equal shares of 60 000 (sixty thousand) euros for each MLA Party.

Taking into account the recommendations of the Auditing Team on budget execution for 2025, the IGC TRACECA recommended that the MLA Parties transfer the contributions within the timeframe stipulated by point 1 of Article 4 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

The IGC TRACECA addressed to:

- the MLA Parties having outstanding arrears to the PS IGC TRACECA budget with a request to ensure their settlement;
- the Turkmen Party with a request to expedite the procedures for accession to the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA between the Governments of the Parties to the MLA.

17. On the work done with regard to the TRACECA Fund.

The IGC TRACECA heard the report on the work done with regard to the TRACECA Fund (**Appendix 25**).

The IGC TRACECA instructed the PS IGC TRACECA to continue work in this area, including ongoing efforts to raise funds for the TRACECA Fund through negotiations with interested parties and international financial institutions.

The IGC TRACECA called upon the MLA Parties to consider the possibility of making voluntary contributions to the TRACECA Fund.

18. On the extension of the observer status of the Republic of Lithuania in the IGC.

Based on the appeal of the Republic of Lithuania (**Appendix 26**), the IGC TRACECA made a decision to extend its observer status in the IGC TRACECA.

19. On the election of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA.

In accordance with point 11.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA and point 3.2 of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, the IGC TRACECA elected Mr. Jasurbek Choriev from the Republic of Uzbekistan as Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA for a period of two Chairmanships of the MLA Parties in the IGC TRACECA.

The Meeting participants expressed their sincere gratitude to Mr. Asset Assavbayev for his significant contribution to the development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia corridor and the activities of the PS IGC TRACECA during the term of his office as Secretary General, and wished him continued success in his professional endeavours.

20. Information on holding the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA.

In accordance with the MLA and Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA will be held in September/October 2027. The exact date and venue of the Meeting will be determined by the Kyrgyz 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 15 May 2026 at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA, in Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan.



Chairman of the IGC TRACECA