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DECISION ON DEVELOPMENT OF SEA TRANSPORT

The Intergovernmental Commission “TRACECA” at its 2nd Conference (Annual Meeting), held in Tashkent, in April 24-25 2002, has studied the issues on sea transport improvement on the Europe – the Caucasus – Asia Corridor regions (port dues and fees, handling operations tariffs, shipping operations rates, navigation safety, etc.) and for the purpose of increasing the competitive ability of transportations the IGC “TRACECA” **has made the following decision:**

1. To consider it expedient during the implementation of the regional TACIS-TRACECA project “Unified policy of transit fees and tariffs” to examine in detail the issues related with sea transport (port dues and fees, handling operations tariffs, shipping operations tariffs, etc.) and to work out the proposals aimed at increasing competitiveness of the sea regions of TRACECA corridor.
2. For this purpose, to establish the Working Group for improvement of sea transport operations in the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor “TRACECA” regions (further named “IGC TRACECA Working Group on Sea Transport”) under the guidance of the PS IGC TRACECA involving the plenipotentiaries of state administrations of maritime transport, port administrations, ship-owners, and railways of the Parties of Basic Agreement.
3. To charge the IGC TRACECA Working Group on Sea Transport with:
 - working out the proposals on harmonization of the sea transport tariff policies of the member-states (port dues and charges, handling operations, shipping tariffs etc.);
 - producing and submitting the draft coordinated regulation on dues and fees and charges for vessel services in TRACECA sea ports as an addendum to the Technical Annex on International Commercial Navigation to the Basic Agreement, following the “national regime” or the “the most favorable regime”;
 - submitting in cooperation with the National Secretaries TRACECA the priority project proposals, regarding improvement and proper maintenance of the member-states transport fleet, working in different parts of the Europe – the Caucasus – Asia Corridor that is the major point for continuous freight flows;
 - submitting in cooperation with the National Secretaries TRACECA the priority project proposals, regarding the improvement and modernization of navigation systems, to ensure navigation safety in the TRACECA ports of the Black and the Caspian seas;
 - in cooperation with the National Secretaries TRACECA and corresponding ministries, bodies, research organizations of the Parties of Basic Agreement analyzing the existing conceptions and development programs, in the sphere of sea industry improvement concerning sea ports and shipping companies operations in TRACECA regions, working out appropriate proposals concerning further coordination of joint work on these matters, and presenting them to the PS IGC TRACECA;
 - submitting proposals to improve safety and environmental sustainability of sea transport, in particular by strengthening administrative capacity and training of officials responsible for Flag state implementation.

4. To charge the IGC TRACECA Working Group on Sea Transport, in cooperation with the technical experts of the PS IGC TRACECA, with the study of the following issues:

- application of information systems in sea transport by using the wide-spread electronic devices of data transmission (EDE – electronic data exchange), internet, allowing to exchange necessary information between ports and shipping companies, forwarding agencies on sea routes of TRACECA, as well as the EDE application by the interested countries;
- role of shipping, agent and other enterprises and organizations as well as other adjacent modes of transport in provision with inter-modal traffic along the TRACECA ;
- environmental protection in the ports of the member-states, following previous recommendations of the EU experts;
- examination of the advanced specialized research in the sphere of sea transport and development of recommendations for their broad introduction.

5. To promote complex implementation of the Technical Annex on International Commercial Maritime Navigation to the Basic Agreement, which implies joint efforts of all involved ministries and institutions on the national level, as well as broad intergovernmental cooperation on the regional and interregional levels.

To regularly consider at the PS IGC TRACECA Working Group meetings the reports of the Working Group Head and the National Secretaries on implementation of the Technical Annex on International Commercial Maritime Navigation to the Basic Agreement.

The Decision has been adopted on the consensus of Parties of the Basic Agreement at the 2nd Conference (Annual Meeting) of the Intergovernmental Commission “TRACECA” in Tashkent, April 25, 2002.