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OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION «TRACECA»**

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## **TASHKENT DECLARATION**

We, the Members of the Intergovernmental Commission "TRACECA", participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference (Annual meeting) of the Intergovernmental Commission «TRACECA» on April 24-25, 2002 in Tashkent, in pursuit of the aims and ideas of the Brussels Declaration (1993), the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Central Asia (1998) and the Baku Declaration (1998) expressing endeavors to facilitate commercial and economic relationships, transport and communication links in the region of Europe, Black Sea, South Caucasus, Caspian Sea and Central Asia, hereby declare:

The Transport Corridor Europe- the Caucasus- Asia "TRACECA" was established in May 1993 in Brussels by 8 Independent States and the Commission of the European Union and since then became an important component of integration in these large regions.

The TRACECA plays an important role in forming global transport systems, facilitation of bi-lateral and multilateral mutually beneficial relations, peace, security and economic progress.

The TRACECA has introduced the most favorable conditions for transportation of humanitarian aid and reconstruction materials to Afghanistan. The process of stabilization in Afghanistan opens new perspectives of enhancement of the transport corridor towards West and East.

Optimistic forecasts of development of the international trade along the TRACECA corridor by international institutions require the Parties to the Basic Agreement and the European Union to transform TRACECA into the most attractive, safe, economically efficient international transport corridor, linking Europe and Asia via South Caucasus. Current challenges and developments in the regions along the TRACECA Corridor – the "New Silk Route of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" - require the adoption of adequate decisions at the level of Heads of the States.

We, the participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the IGC TRACECA, therefore address the Signatory Parties to the Basic Agreement to support the initiative of the Government of Georgia and supported by the Government of Uzbekistan on the organization of the Second TRACECA Presidential Summit in 2003.

We, therefore hereby address the European Union to support this initiative, aimed at bringing the TRACECA to a new qualitative level of its development.