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МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**
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PROTOCOL ON AMENDMENTS

TO THE BASIC MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPE - THE CAUCASUS - ASIA CORRIDOR

In accordance with Article 11 (Presentation of Amendments and Additions) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor and the Final Resolutions of the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on the transport corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia it was agreed to incorporate the following amendments to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor:

1. To make the following amendment to Article 4 (Facilitation of International Transport) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe - the Caucasus - Asia Corridor adding item 4 stipulated as follows:

“ 4. For 3 years when the given amendment comes into force, the Parties have to ensure free issue of single/double entry visas for persons transporting and/or accompanying humanitarian goods and reconstruction materials transported to Afghanistan via the “TRACECA” international transport corridor Europe- the Caucasus-Asia”;

2. In accordance with Article 3, Item c) and Article 8, Item 6, p. g) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor to make an amendment to Article 4 (Documentation Procedures) of the Technical Annex on Customs and Documentation Procedures to the Basic Agreement, adding the item 5 stipulated as follows:

“5. The Parties will not apply customs deposits, bank guarantees, financial risk insurance policies, railway guarantees for transit of goods by railway transport”.

3. To make an amendment c) to the Appendix 2 of the Technical Annex on International Railway Transport to the Basic Agreement stipulated as follows:

“c) to apply VAT zero-rate on railway transport services on international and transit railway connection, including transportation, forwarding, loading/unloading and storage services” ;

4. In accordance with Article 10 (Technical Annexes) and Article 11 (Presentation of Amendments and Additions) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor to adopt a new Technical Annex to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor on International Customs Transit Procedures in the TRACECA transport corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia for goods transported by railway with SMGS bill. (*Annex: Technical Annex on International Customs Transit Procedures in the corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia for carriage of goods by rail using “SMGS” railway bill to the Basic Agreement*).

This Protocol comes into force in accordance with Articles 11 (“Presentation of Amendments and Additions” and 13 (“Entry into force”) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor.

Done on the 3rd Annual Meeting of the TRACECA Intergovernmental Commission on the transport corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia at Yerevan on 9th October 2003 in one original copy in the English and Russian languages, both of them being equally authentic.

In witness whereof, the undersigned plenipotentiary Heads of Delegations have signed this Protocol.

**For the Republic of Armenia
Signed**

**For the Republic of Moldova
signed**

For the Republic of Azerbaijan
Ratified by Milli Mejlis of the Republic
of Azerbaijan, May 13, 2003
signed

**For Romania
signed**

**For the Republic of Bulgaria
signed**

**For the Republic of Tajikistan
signed**

**For Georgia
signed**

**For the Republic of Turkey
Signed**

**For the Republic of Kazakhstan
signed**

**For Ukraine
Signed**

**For the Kyrgyz Republic
signed**

For the Republic of Uzbekistan