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**ЧЕТВЕРТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
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FINAL COMMUNIQUE

We, the Members of the IGC TRACECA, participating in the Fourth Annual Meeting (Conference), express our satisfaction with the agreements achieved and the Decisions made at the Conference in Baku, organized by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA with assistance of the European Commission.

We hereby confirm the handover of Chairmanship of Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA to the Republic of Azerbaijan.

We emphasize the importance of establishing legal regulation of a system of joint financing of the Permanent Secretariat (PS) IGC TRACECA by means of signing of the Agreement on Financing of the PS.

We support intention to elaborate and develop TRACECA Common Transit System concept, based on the IGC TRACECA Strategy, approved at the Fourth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA, and in accordance with Declaration adopted at the Baku Transport Ministerial Conference on November 14, 2004.

We note positive developments in institutional strengthening of the TRACECA international structures.

We congratulate the Islamic State of Afghanistan as the Party which joined the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (Basic Agreement) and became full Member of IGC TRACECA.

We welcome the will of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to join the Basic Agreement and to become the Members of the IGC TRACECA.

We will encourage the enlargement of the IGC TRACECA and we will endeavor to achieve openness and transparency of the organization, also by means of introduction of the observer status.

We congratulate Mrs. Lyudmila Trenkova, who was elected as Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA.

We receive with gratitude the proposal of the Republic of Bulgaria to take over the next Chairmanship of the IGC TRACECA and to organize the Fifth Annual IGC TRACECA Conference in Sofia.

We approve the Baku Declaration.

We express our profound gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the perfect organization of the Meeting and for the cordial reception given to the participants of the Fourth Annual Conference of the Intergovernmental Commission of TRACECA.