



**FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA**  
Baku/ Republic of Azerbaijan, April 21-22, 2005

**ЧЕТВЕРТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ  
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**  
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## **FINAL RESOLUTIONS**

TRACECA Intergovernmental Commission, having held its Fourth Annual Meeting in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, in April 21-22, 2005:

- discussed the issues, according to the adopted Agenda;
- heard the report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, Mrs. Lyudmila Trenkova, on the implementation of Decisions of the Third Annual Meeting of IGC TRACECA, as well as the activities and disbursement of funds of the PS;
- heard the information on projects and discussed possibilities of cooperation with the EC under conditions of the new EU Neighborhood policy;
- considered financial, institutional, legal, conceptual and other issues vital for further development of the international transport corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia (TRACECA);
- discussed proposals on increasing the efficiency of procedures related to the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA;

in accordance with Article 8 (clauses 5, 6) of the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor",

### **ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:**

#### **1. Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA**

- 1.1. To approve the report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, Mrs. Lyudmila Trenkova, on disbursement of funds of the PS in 2004.
- 1.2. To adopt the budget for 2005 in the amount of 607 052 Euro. In 2005 to apply the same scheme of joint financing of the PS IGC TRACECA, which was applied 2004, i.e.: the Parties shall contribute in equal shares of 7 000 (seven thousand) Euro each, thus providing 84 000 Euro of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA. The remaining of the budget will be ensured from other sources.
- 1.3. To adopt the budget for 2006. For the provision of the budget the Parties shall pay in equal shares of 50,000 (fifty thousand) Euro each, thus providing 600,000 Euro of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA. To ensure continuous financing the Parties shall pay their shares before March 31, 2006.

#### **2. Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA**

- 2.1 In pursuance of the Decision 1, Final Resolutions of the Third IGC TRACECA Annual Meeting, basing upon clause 3 Article 9 ("Permanent Secretariat") of the Basic Agreement, the Heads of delegations have signed the Agreement on the joint financing of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA between the Governments of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (Agreement on Financing).
- 2.2 In connection with Decision 2.1, for the purposes of subsequent implementation of the clause 12 Article 5 of the Agreement on Financing, the Parties shall present the candidates for the Team of Auditors, which shall be nominated by the Decision of the 5<sup>th</sup> IGC TRACECA Meeting.

### **3. Improvement of procedures relevant to the adoption and implementation of the IGC TRACECA decisions and recommendations**

- 3.1 Basing upon clause 3.2 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, and in order to provide for compliance with requirements of the national regulations, to add Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA with the following sentence: "Decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA are subject to the signatory by the Chairman-in-Office."
- 3.2. Basing upon clause 11.2 of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, and, in order to improve efficiency of implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA, to supplement clause 4.10 of the Statute of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA with the following sentence: "Upon completion of the Meeting of the IGC TRACECA, the Permanent Secretariat shall send the Documents of the Meeting within 2 weeks to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Parties and Permanent Representations of the PS, and the National Secretaries shall ensure timely hand over of the documents received to the relevant ministries and authorities in their respective countries."

### **4. Entry into force of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA**

- 4.1. In connection with the adoption of the Agreement on Financing and in accordance with the Article 11 ("Entry into Force and Amendments") of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, to amend the Article 7 thereof ("Finances") as follows:

Clauses 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 to substitute with clause 7.1, which will read: "Financing of the Permanent Secretariat shall be provided on the grounds and in accordance with the Agreement on the joint financing of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA between the Governments of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor". To substitute numbering of the clause 7.4 to 7.2, keeping the contents of the text unchanged.

Clause 8 to be deleted from the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, as the provision contained therein, namely, clause 8.1, is repeated by the Agreement on Financing and the provision of clause 8.2 has no value for the application of the Statute.

- 4.2. In connection with the Decision 4.1, which eliminates provisions on financial obligations of the Parties from the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, to delete clause 11.3 thereof, and to amend clause 11.1 to read: "The present Statute shall enter into force by Decision of the IGC".

To substitute numbering of the Articles 9, 10, 11 of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA for the Articles 8, 9, 10 respectively.

- 4.3. Basing upon clause 3 Article 9 of the Basic Agreement to consider that the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, amended as stipulated by the Decisions 3.2, 4.1 and 4.2 of the present Final Resolutions, shall enter into force on this date, 22 April, 2005.

### **5. Follow-up to the Baku Transport Ministerial Conference (November 2004) on further cooperation between EU and neighbouring countries**

Having heard the information presented by the European Commission on the follow-up to the consent achieved at Baku Conference of the Ministers of Transport, held in November 2004, the IGC TRACECA decided to reinforce support of the organization and implementation of the Working Groups tasks on: air transport (25 April 2005, Tbilisi), safety (before July 2005, Brussels), road and rail transport (September 2005, Astana), infrastructure (December 2005, Kiev).

### **6. Action Plan 2006**

With the view of elaboration of the Action Plan for 2006 the Parties decided to submit their project proposals to the PS IGC TRACECA not later than June 2005, in accordance with the EC schedule.

## **7. Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for the development of transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA)**

Having considered the Draft IGC TRACECA Strategy for the development of the transport corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia (TRACECA) for 2005-2010, the Parties decided to create, under support of the European Commission, the Working Group, which within two months will elaborate the IGC TRACECA Strategy in light of the envisaged prospective for development of transport communications between Europe and Asia along the route from the West to the East.

## **8. Further institutionalisation of the IGC TRACECA**

The IGC TRACECA has recommended to the Parties to consider proposal of the PS IGC TRACECA, introducing the definition of and the legal framework for the status of Observer and differentiation of formats of meetings of the IGC TRACECA (closed, opened, etc.). In this regard the IGC TRACECA charged the PS IGC TRACECA to seek for the possibility to call upon the Working Group meeting with participation of experts of ministries of foreign affairs of the Parties for finalization of the drafts proposed by the PS and development of relevant amendments to the regulative documents of the IGC TRACECA.

## **9. Executive Secretary of the PS IGC TRACECA**

The IGC TRACECA addressed its gratitude to Mr. Zviad Kvatchantiradze, for his work in the position of the Executive Secretary and confirmed completion of his mandate in December 2004 in connection with his new appointment outside the PS IGC TRACECA.

Taking into account the present state of financial situation of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA and continuous availability of the advisory support from the consultants of the Trade Facilitation and Institutional Support Project at least till August 2006, the IGC decided to charge temporarily the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA with duties and to entitle to rights of the Executive Secretary, stipulated by the provisions of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA.

## **10. Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA**

In accordance with clause 3.8 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA the members of the IGC elected Mrs. Lyudmila Trenkova, as the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA for the term of presidency of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the IGC TRACECA.

## **11. Next Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the Fourth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA recommended to convene the next IGC TRACECA Annual Meeting in Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria, in the first half of the year 2006.

The IGC TRACECA expressed regret for the absence from the Meeting of the delegation of the Republic of Armenia.



**Chairman-in-Office of the IGC TRACECA**