

**Memorandum of Understanding between
the Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA and the
Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA (PS IGC TRACECA) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) hereafter referred to as "the Parties"

Taking into consideration

Common objectives to promote and support every effort towards the development of multilateral regional cooperation in the transport field;

Common involvement in promoting intra-regional and inter-regional transit and trade facilitation and avoid duplication of work and to maximize complementarities and the use of available resources as well as to work closer together for the safety, stability, prosperity and strengthening of cooperation in transport field;

Agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Areas of Cooperation**

The parties will cooperate in:

- 1.1 development of international transport corridors;
- 1.2 development and promotion of technical standards and effective operational practices for efficient international transport and trade (best practices);
- 1.3 facilitation of cross-border movement of people and goods;
- 1.4 human resources development, including staff training programmes;
- 1.5 technology and information transfer;
- 1.6 market analysis and transit tariffs; and in other related areas mutually agreed.

**Article 2
Consultation**

- 2.1 The Parties will hold periodic consultations on issues of bi-lateral cooperation.
- 2.2 The parties will discuss opportunities of joint undertaking of projects on matters of mutual interest, including those aimed at institutional capacity building, as well as studies, seminars, workshops, etc., subject to appropriate organizational and financial arrangements.
- 2.3 Wherever feasible, the Parties, they will seek complementarities and synergy in their efforts for the attainment of their respective objectives in the transport field in accordance with their mandates.

- 2.4 Following a request from the Parties will mutually share their expertise on transport issues and transport facilitation information.

Article 3

Exchange of information and documentation

- 3.1 The Parties will exchange information on their activities, and may make such information available to their member-states.
- 3.2 The parties will exchange information on violation of rights of international carriers by the regulatory authorities in the territory of the member-states.
- 3.3 The exchange of information will be organized through established channels, including Internet, by placing information on their respective web pages.

Article 4

Participation in the meetings

In the spirit of reciprocity, the Parties will inform each other of their meetings concerning issues of mutual interest. Without prejudice to the established rules and procedures of the parties, the officials of both organizations can participate in the meeting of each other.

Article 5

Operational Units

- 5.1 The Parties agreed to designate as responsible operational units for implementation of the provisions of this Memorandum:
- (a) For PS IGC TRACECA: the PS IGC TRACECA
- (b) For ECO: The Directorate of Transport and Communications

Article 6

Preparation, Implementation and Evaluation of joint activities

- 6.1 The parties will prepare:
- (a) A list of all current cooperation activities and status of implementation;
- (b) A list with a brief description of all planned cooperation activities for the next budget year; and
- (c) An indicative list of planned cooperation activities for every two years.
- 6.2 The Parties agree that:
- (a) The appropriate managers of operational units referred to in Article 5 will be responsible for the implementation of joint activities within their areas of responsibility, and provide brief reports as necessary on the status of implementation of all joint activities;
- The units referred to in the Article 5 will conduct a general evaluation of joint activities as input into a joint mid-term review of the implementation of the Memorandum, and consider further cooperation activities.

Article 7
Concluding Provisions

- 7.1 The provisions of this Memorandum set out the common objectives for the proposed cooperation, but are not intended to be legally binding on either organization. These provisions may be subject to amendments by mutual agreement and on the basis of the respective procedures of the parties.
- 7.2 The Present Memorandum shall come into force upon its signing by the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA and the ECO Secretary General for an indefinite duration and may be terminated at any time by one of the parties by giving the other party three months written notice of its intention to terminate the MoU.

Signed at Issyk Kul, the Kyrgyz Republic on June 16th 2009 equally authentic copies in the English language.

For the PS IGC TRACECA



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