



SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA
Issyk-Kul / Kyrgyz Republic, 16 June, 2009

СЕДЬМОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

The International Commission TRACECA (IGC), having held its Seventh Annual Meeting in Issyk-Kul, the Kyrgyz Republic, on 16 June, 2009:

- discussed the issues according to the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
- heard the report of the Presiding Party in the IGC TRACECA on the implementation of the decisions of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA;
- heard the Financial Report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, Mr. Rustan Jenalinov on disbursement of funds of the PS in 2007-2008;
- heard the reports of the Parties to the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor" on the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA, the Action Plan for 2008 and 2009 for Implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for Development of the International Transport Corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015;
- considered the outcomes of the completed TRACECA projects in 2008-2009;
- heard the information on the TRACECA projects launched in 2008-2009;
- discussed the issues of the TRACECA structures transformation in the context of the South-Eastern Axis development of the extension of the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) to the EU neighboring countries and the Central Asian countries;
- considered financial, institutional, legal, conceptual and other issues, vital for further development of the international transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) and increase of its competitiveness;

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. Financial Report on Disbursement of Funds of the PS IGC TRACECA in 2007. Report of the Auditing Team on the Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2007.

In accordance with p. 11, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Financial Report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA on Disbursement of Funds of the PS in 2007 (**Appendix 2**).

Based on the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5, pp. 12-15 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Annual Report of the Auditing Team on the Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2007 (**Appendix 3**).

1.2. Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA in 2008. Financial Report on Disbursement of Funds of the PS IGC TRACECA in 2008. Report of the Auditing Team on the Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2008.

In accordance with the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, and taking into account the relevant needs of the PS, which are to be adjusted to the actual situation, the IGC adopted and approved the changes in some articles within the approved budget for 2008 (**Appendix 4**).

In accordance with p.11, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Financial Report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA on Disbursement of Funds of the PS in 2008 (**Appendix 5**), as well as based on the budget procedure envisaged in pp.12-15, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted the Annual Report of the Auditing Team on the Budget Execution of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2008 (**Appendix 6**).

1.3. Nomination of the Auditing Team for the Fiscal Year 2009

In accordance with p.12, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA and p.3, Article 3 of the Temporary Regulations for the Work of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA, and taking into account that the Chairmanship in the IGC TRACECA will pass to the Kyrgyz Republic, in accordance with p.2, Article 3 of the present Regulations the IGC TRACECA shall nominate a new auditing team to effect control of the budget implementation consisting of the representatives from the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova and Romania, one representative from each of the above-listed countries in accordance with p.3, Article 3 of the Temporary Regulations for the Work of the Auditing Team of the PS IGC TRACECA.

1.4. Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2010

The IGC made a decision to keep the size of the Parties' contributions to the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2010 at the level of the year of 2009. For the provision of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA the Parties shall pay in equal shares of 60 000 (sixty thousand) Euro each. Payment of the contributions shall be done in accordance with the p.1, Article 4 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

The Financial Report of the Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for the year 2010 should be in accordance with the International Accounting Standards.

The European Commission made a decision to provide technical assistance to the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA regarding the deficient budget for 2010.

The IGC requested the Parties to repay the arrears of the budget of the PS IGC TRACECA in the 3 quarter of 2009.

2. On realization by the MLA Parties of the Action Plan for 2008-2009 on the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for Development of the International Transport Corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015.

Having heard the Progress Report on the Action Plan 2008-2009 on the implementation of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for Development of the International Transport Corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015. (**Appendix 7**), drawn up by the Permanent Secretariat in accordance with the Monitoring Methodology in respect of realization of the Action Plan based on the report information submitted by the Parties, as well as the reports of the EC projects' consultants, the IGC TRACECA adopted this Report and evaluated positively the activity of the Parties regarding the implementation of the aims and objectives of the TRACECA Strategy.

With a view to subsequently implement the long-term TRACECA Strategy the IGC charged the PS together with the MLA Parties and the EC to elaborate a further Action Plan for 2010-2012 on the implementation of the IGC Strategy.

3. Draft Agreement on the Development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA

In pursuance of p.9 of the Final Resolutions of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA, the Intergovernmental Commission for the purpose of development of multimodal transport in the TRACECA region approved the Agreement on the Development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA (**Appendix 8**). In witness whereof the authorized Heads of delegations of the Parties signed this Agreement.

The Republic of Bulgaria and Romania will consider the necessity of signing this Agreement after consultations with the European Commission.

4. Draft Model Law on Freight Forwarding Activity

In pursuance of p. 9 of the Final Resolutions of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA and for the purpose of further development of freight forwarding activity in the TRACECA region, the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA approved as a basis the draft Model Law on Freight Forwarding Activity (**Appendix 9**) and recommended that the Parties carry out the relevant procedures for adoption or adaptation of this Law in the MLA member-states.

5. On increasing the competitiveness of the TRACECA corridor. Issues of attracting additional traffic flows.

The IGC, having taken into consideration the information of the PS on increasing the competitiveness of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" TRACECA (**Appendix 10**), recommended that with a view to attract additional traffic flows to the corridor the Parties should within the relevant working groups discuss the recommendations of the PS IGC TRACECA and elaborate common competitive tariffs in the TRACECA corridor.

The EC shall consider the possibility to finance the working groups meetings on tariff policy within the framework of a new Project "Transport Dialogue and Networks Interoperability between the EU and its Neighboring Countries and the Central Asian Countries".

6. On joining the IGC TRACECA by the Republic of Lithuania as an observer

In accordance with the procedures described in pp. 2 and 3 of the Annex to the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA on the status of observer the Intergovernmental Commission shall adopt the decision on granting the status of Observer in the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA to the Republic of Lithuania.

7. Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

In view of p. 10 of the Final Resolutions of the Third Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA "Authority of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA", in accordance with p. 3.7 (p. i), Article 3 of the Statute of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, the Intergovernmental Commission welcomed signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the PS IGC TRACECA and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) (**Appendix 11**).

The IGC TRACECA also welcomed signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the PS IGC TRACECA and the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN ECE) on 4 December 2008 within the framework of the Anniversary Conference of Ministers of Transport of TRACECA Member States in Baku.

8. Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with Economic Cooperation Organization

Taking into account p. 10 of the Final resolutions of the Third Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA "Authority of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA", in accordance with p. 3.7 (p. i), Article 3 of the Statute of the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA, the Intergovernmental Commission welcomed signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the PS IGC TRACECA and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) (**Appendix 12**).

9. TRACECA Reform

Taking into consideration the new role of TRACECA in relation to the extension of the Trans-European transport networks, the IGC TRACECA reaffirms its commitment to the objectives of TRACECA, both in terms of infrastructure development and in terms of horizontal measures of transport facilitation, with a view to creating and consolidating efficient transport systems throughout the TRACECA region. In particular, it stresses the need to build on the European South Eastern axis in order to establish an efficient transport corridor connecting Central Asia, the South Caucasus and the European Union, and to ensure effective regional connectivity to this corridor.

The IGC TRACECA welcomes the renewed commitments of all MLA countries and the European Commission to contribute decisively to these objectives, and it reaffirms its commitment to improving the capacity of the PS IGC TRACECA to effectively tackle these new challenges.

The IGC TRACECA request the new Secretary General to explore ways and means of improving the capacity of the PS IGC TRACECA, in close consultation with the European Commission, in particular, but not exclusively, in the fields of human and financial resources, internal organization, working methods, relationships with the European Commission and other stakeholders, etc., and to report back to the Intergovernmental Commission within six months of his/her taking office. An extraordinary meeting of the IGC TRACECA will be convened in due time to take action on the Secretary General's proposals.

10. Election of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA

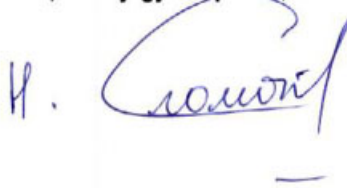
In accordance with clause 3.10, Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA and p. 3.2 and 3.3, Article 3 of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA the members of the IGC elected Mr. Zhantoro Satybaldiev as the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA for the term of presidency of the Kyrgyz Republic in the IGC TRACECA.

The Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA thanked Mr. Rustan Jenalinov for the work carried out in the post of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA and his contribution to the development of the international transport corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" during two terms of office for the period of presidency of the Republic of Bulgaria (since May 2006 till December 2007) and the Republic of Kazakhstan (since December 2007 till June 2009) in the IGC TRACECA.

11. Information on the regular of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA recommended that the regular Eighth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA be convened in the city of Chisinau, Republic of Moldova on may 2010. The exact date will be determined additionally.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted by consensus of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement attending the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA, in Issyk-Kul, the Kyrgyz Republic, on 16 June 2009.



Chairman of the IGC TRACECA