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BRUSSELS DECLARATION

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Eighth Annual Meeting (Conference) on 13 October 2010 in Brussels, the Kingdom of Belgium,

following in its activity the principles and **guided** by the provisions of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (hereinafter referred to as MLA),

basing on the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for Development of the International Transport Corridor "Europe-the Caucasus-Asia" for the period up to 2015,

highly **appreciating** the outcomes of the First TRACECA Investment Forum held on 12 October 2010 in Brussels, the Kingdom of Belgium,

appreciating the assistance of the European Commission rendered through Technical Assistance TRACECA projects, and **expressing** assurance of further fruitful cooperation with the European Union within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the EU Strategy for Central Asia regarding the development of a New Partnership,

welcoming the reform of the PS IGC TRACECA based on a new role of TRACECA and commitments to develop the EU South-Eastern Transport Axis through infrastructure development and transport facilitation to ensure subsequent effective development of the transport corridor connecting Europe, the Caucasus and Asia, with assistance of the European Union,

Declares the following:

IGC positively evaluates the activity of the Parties concerned with the realization of the Action Plan for 2008-2009 for 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.

IGC supports the initiation of the TRACECA reform, in particular the reform of the PS IGC TRACECA directed towards the realization of the aims and objectives intended to ensure an efficient dialogue with the European institutions, transport development in the region, further strengthening of transport infrastructure and contribution to the implementation of the Articles of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor.

IGC welcomes the realization of the objectives on reformation of TRACECA institutions acknowledging the significance of enhancing the PS IGC TRACECA capacities for the purpose of efficient resolution of new challenges in the context of the EU South-Eastern Axis development.

IGC highly appreciates the outcomes of the First TRACECA Investment Forum which provided for a constructive dialogue between the Governments of the Parties and the International Financial Institutions to attract the investments to implement priority infrastructure projects within the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia.

IGC acknowledges the significance of the outcomes of the High-Level Meeting "TRACECA Routes Competitiveness and Trade Facilitation" held on 25 May 2010, in Antalya, The Republic of Turkey, as well as the results of the Working Group on Elaboration of Common Competitive Tariffs within the TRACECA Corridor which took place on 23 February 2010, in Sofia, the Republic of Bulgaria (WG), and the signing of the Protocol of the WG meeting during its additional session in Antalya, the Republic of Turkey.

IGC emphasizes the necessity of realization of subsequent measures regarding elaboration of common competitive tariffs and creation of favourable conditions to develop international transit along the TRACECA corridor with a view to attract additional traffic flows.

With a view to ensure the attractiveness of the TRACECA routes the IGC approved the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia with a view to increase the competitiveness and attractiveness of the TRACECA road routes elaborated jointly by the PS and IRU and recommended that the MLA Parties apply the Concept in their activities.

Acknowledging the significance of the decisions made, the IGC TRACECA expresses its satisfaction with the outcomes of the Eighth Annual Meeting.

Participants of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA express their gratitude to the European Commission for the assistance in organizing the Conference on the high level and the hospitality received.