



**NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA**
Bucharest, Romania, 24 November 2011

**ДЕВЯТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**
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BUCHAREST DECLARATION

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Ninth Annual Meeting (Conference) on 24 November 2011, in Bucharest, Romania,

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 assistance of the European Commission rendered through Technical Assistance TRACECA projects, and **expressing** assurance of further fruitful cooperation with the European Union with the view of developing the transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia,

As well as, **welcoming** the determination of the Parties to the Basic Agreement to make efforts towards developing the TRACECA corridor, in particular, ensuring transport safety and security,

Declares the following:

IGC positively evaluates the activity of the Parties concerned with the realization of the Action Plan for 2010-2012 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 initiative on enlargement of cooperation between the Permanent Secretariat IGC TRACECA and the "Silk Road" Customs Cooperation Initiative.

IGC acknowledges the significance of the outcomes and signing of the Protocol of the Working Group Meeting on increasing competitiveness of combined railway-maritime traffic within TRACECA corridor of 6 October 2011, which took place in Tbilisi, Georgia to further develop combined transport within the TRACECA corridor.

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 freight flows.

With a view to ensure the safety of TRACECA routes, IGC adopted the TRACECA Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection for the period up to 2021 and the Plan of Actions on Enhancement of Land Transport Safety and Security within the TRACECA Corridor and recommended that the MLA Parties apply them in their activities.

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

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