



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

ДЕВЯТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА
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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

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

- discussed the issues according to the adopted Agenda (**Appendix 1**);
- heard the report of the Presiding Party in the IGC TRACECA, the Republic of Moldova in the person of Mr. Anatol Salaru, Minister of Transport and Road Infrastructure, on the implementation of the decisions of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA;
- heard the Report of Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, Mr. Eduard Biriucov, on the PS IGC TRACECA activities between the Eighth and Ninth Annual IGC Meetings;
- heard the reports of the Parties to the «Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor» on the implementation of decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA, the Action Plan for 2010-2012 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;
- having heard the address by the Romanian Party on the implementation of priorities of the upcoming mandate of the Chairmanship of the IGC TRACECA;
- 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 of the "Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor"

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

1. Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA.

2. On realization by the MLA Parties in 2010 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» (TRACECA) for the period up to 2015.

Having heard the Progress Report on the realization by the MLA member-states in 2010 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 (**Appendix 6**), drawn up by the Permanent Secretariat in accordance with the Monitoring Methodology in respect of realization of the Action Plan based on the reported information submitted by the Parties, as well as the reports of the technical assistance projects funded by the EU, 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 recommended that the MLA Parties continue 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 (TRACECA) up to 2015.

3. Monitoring of Implementation by the MLA Parties of the IGC TRACECA Decisions (review of outstanding decisions of the IGC TRACECA).

Having heard the information of the PS IGC TRACECA on the monitoring of implementation by the Parties of the IGC TRACECA decisions, the IGC TRACECA recommended that the MLA Parties should take measures to ensure the implementation of outstanding decisions of the IGC TRACECA. (**Appendix 7**).

4. On Cooperation between the PS IGC TRACECA and the "Silk Road" Customs Cooperation Initiative.

Having heard the information of the PS IGC TRACECA on the address of the Silk Road Customs Cooperation Initiative (CCI countries) concerning the cooperation with the PS IGC TRACECA within the empowering of the PS to exercise secretarial functions for the "Silk Road" CCI (**Appendix 8**), and taking into consideration the decisions of the CCI Forums held in 2009, in Baku, and in 2011, in Batumi, the IGC TRACECA gave its approval to the Initiative regarding the exercise by the Permanent Secretariat TRACECA of administrative functions of the "Silk Road" CCI and charged the PS IGC TRACECA with the job of arranging consultations with the participants of the "Silk Road" CCI with subsequent conclusion of the documents on cooperation.

5. On Approval of the TRACECA Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection for the period up to 2021.

The IGC discussed and approved the **TRACECA Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection for the period up to 2021 (Appendix 9)** prepared jointly by the EC Technical Assistance Project "Development of Common Security Management System, Maritime Safety, and Ship Pollution Prevention for the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea" and the PS IGC TRACECA and recommended that the Parties apply it in their activities.

The IGC expressed its gratitude to the Turkish Party for the fulfillment of the chairmanship functions in the Regional Working Group during the transition period for a term of twelve months after the date of adoption of the Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection.

With a view to continue subsequent activities on maritime safety and security and environmental protection in the Black and Caspian Seas' regions, the IGC TRACECA addressed to the European Commission and the European Maritime Safety Agency with the request for necessary technical assistance for the purpose of gradual implementation of the **TRACECA Regional Action Strategy on Maritime Safety and Security and Environmental Protection for the period up to 2021**.

The EC welcomed the request of the MLA Parties and informed the IGC Meeting that the EC is drafting the ToR of the Follow-Up project on Maritime Safety and Security issues to be managed by the European Maritime Safety Agency.

6. On Approval of the TRACECA Regional Road Safety Action Plan

The IGC discussed and approved the TRACECA Regional Road Safety Action Plan (**Appendix 10**) elaborated jointly by the PS and the EC Technical Assistance project "Land Transport Safety and Security in TRACECA Countries" and recommended that the Parties apply it in their activities.

The Georgian Party expressed its separate opinion on the approved TRACECA Regional Road Safety Action Plan to be annexed to the Plan.

7. On Increasing the Competitiveness of the TRACECA Corridor. Current Analysis and Recommended Actions of the PS IGC TRACECA with a view to Increase the Competitiveness of the TRACECA Corridor

The IGC expressed its gratitude to the European Commission for the assistance rendered in the arrangement of logistical and expert support to the Working Group Meeting on Increasing the Competitiveness of Combined Railway-Maritime Traffic within the TRACECA corridor of 6 October 2011, held in Tbilisi, Georgia (WG) and highly appreciated the signing of the Protocol of the WG Meeting.

With a view to continue subsequent activities on increasing the competitiveness and attractiveness of the TRACECA routes, the IGC approved the document "Current Analysis and Recommended Actions of the PS IGC TRACECA with a view to Increase the Competitiveness of the TRACECA Corridor" (**Appendix 11**) elaborated by the PS, and recommended that the Parties apply it in their activities to be subsequently intensified for the purpose of further study and analysis of effectiveness of the TRACECA routes along their whole length.

8. On Realization of the Plan of Measures for the Implementation of the Concept of Development of international Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes.

Having heard the Progress Report on realization by the MLA Parties in 2010 of the Plan of Measures for the Implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes (**Appendix 12**), developed by the Permanent Secretariat, the IGC TRACECA adopted this Report and positively evaluated the activities carried out by the Parties to achieve the Concept aims and objectives.

For further implementation of the Concept of Development of International Road Traffic along the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia, Increase of Competitiveness and Attractiveness of TRACECA Road Routes, the IGC recommended that the MLA Parties continue their activities for implementation of this Concept.

9. On Preparations for the Second TRACECA Investment Forum

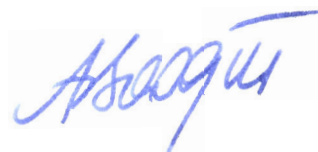
The IGC TRACECA took into consideration the findings produced within the framework of the on-going EU-funded Technical Assistance TRACECA Project "Transport Dialogue and Interoperability between the European Union, its Neighbouring Countries and Central Asian Countries" regarding preparations for the Second Investment Forum and expressed its gratitude to the European Commission for the assistance in arranging the Forum.

10. Information on the Regular Tenth Annual IGC TRACECA Meeting

In accordance with the MLA and the IGC TRACECA Rules of Procedure the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA recommended that the regular Tenth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA be convened in the city of Dushanbe, the Republic of Tajikistan, in May 2013. The exact date of the Meeting will be determined additionally.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted by consensus by the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement attending to the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on 24 November 2011, in Bucharest, Romania.

Chairman of the IGC TRACECA

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