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ARTICLE 1

Definitions

1.1 For the purpose of this Statute:

“MLA” means the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Corridor Europe - the Caucasus – Asia, signed on September 8, 1998 in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, as modified from time to time and in view of the existing and following Technical Annexes;

“PARTIES” mean the States-participants of the MLA.

“ASSOCIATE MEMBER” means a Regional Economic Integration Organization, which may accede to the MLA as an associate member;

“IGC” means the Intergovernmental Commission of the Transport Corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia “TRACECA”;

“CHAIRMAN PARTY” means the Party, which assumes the Chairmanship of the IGC for one-year term.

“CHAIRMAN OF THE IGC” means the Head of Delegation of the Party, which assumes the Chairmanship of the IGC or any other High Official designated for this purpose by the Government of the presiding Party.

“PS” means the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC.

“WG” means Working Groups, established by the IGC upon proposals made by the PS.

“NATIONAL WG” means National Working Group, established by the Governments of the Parties upon proposals made by the IGC and/or PS.

“SECRETARY GENERAL” means the Secretary General of the PS.

“PERMANENT REPRESENTATIONS OF PS” means the Permanent Representations of the PS maintained in each Party.

“EU” means the European Union

“EC” means the European Commission

“NATIONAL SECRETARY” means the head of the Permanent Representation of PS in each Party.

“STAFF MEMBERS” and/or “EXPERTS” mean the persons holding appointments on a contract basis or other positions in the PS.

1.2 The abbreviations and expressions defined below shall bear the same meaning when used in other statutes and official documents issued or approved by the IGC, including but not limited to the Statute of the PS. In all official texts issued by the IGC, unless otherwise specified the use of the masculine gender includes the feminine and the use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa.