



**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA**  
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**ПЯТНАДЦАТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ  
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**  
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### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **Secretary General**

3.1. The Permanent Secretariat is headed by the Secretary General, who is the highest official of the PS. The seat of the Secretary General is located at the PS Headquarters in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3.2. The Secretary General shall be elected by the IGC on the basis of a consensus among the candidates proposed by the MLA Parties for the period of no more than two chairmanships in the IGC. The same person may not hold the position of the Secretary General for more than two consecutive terms of office.

3.3. The election of the Secretary General shall be held in the course of the IGC Meeting in compliance with the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA.

3.4. Candidates for the position of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA shall:

- a) be nationals of one of the MLA Parties;
- b) have expertise for more than 5 years in the field of transport and/or economy, experience in the attraction of investments, projects management, international relations is an asset
- c) be proficient in one of the TRACECA official languages, knowledge of the second official language is an asset

3.5. The Secretary General may be dismissed before the appointed time from the position according to the IGC Decision in the following cases:

- at personal request;
- in view of health condition (impossibility to work for more than 3 months);
- in case of withdrawal of the state, of which the SG is the national, from the MLA Parties' membership;
- on the initiative of no less than one third of the MLA Parties, subject to relevant IGC decision in the event, that the Secretary General violated the provisions of international law and/or the IGC normative documents, and caused harm by action or inaction to the TRACECA interests.

In such situation the IGC shall convene an extraordinary meeting in the order envisaged by point 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA. Prior to an extraordinary meeting of the IGC the powers of the Secretary General shall be delegated to the Head of Policy Development and Monitoring Division of the PS IGC TRACECA.

3.6. The powers of the Secretary General shall be valid since the date of election at the IGC Meeting for the position and till the time of election at the IGC Meeting of a new Secretary General.

3.7. After the election of a new Secretary General, the previous Secretary General shall manage the PS as an acting SG before the arrival of a new Secretary General to the premises of the PS Headquarters.

A newly elected Secretary General shall arrive to the premises of the PS Headquarters no later than 30 days after his election.

After the arrival of a new Secretary General to the premises of the PS Headquarters, the acting Secretary General shall hand over to him the PS material assets and financial means. The transfer shall be drawn up in the presence of the representative of the Depositary by delivery and acceptance act.

3.8. The Secretary General shall exercise his/her duties in accordance with Article 9 of the MLA, the present Statute and the Rules of Procedure of the IGC as well as the Decisions and Recommendations, issued by the IGC.