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OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION TRACECA**
Sofia / Republic of Bulgaria, 2-3 May 2006

**ПЯТОЕ ЕЖЕГОДНОЕ ЗАСЕДАНИЕ
МЕЖПРАВИТЕЛЬСТВЕННОЙ КОМИССИИ ТРАСЕКА**
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FINAL RESOLUTIONS

TRACECA Intergovernmental Commission (IGC), having held its Fifth Annual Meeting in Sofia, the Republic of Bulgaria, in May 2-3, 2006:

- discussed the issues, according to the adopted Agenda (*Appendix 1*);
- heard the report of Mr. Ziya Mamedov, the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan on behalf of the Party handing over the IGC chairmanship;
- heard the financial report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, Mrs. Lyudmila Trenkova, on disbursement of funds of the PS in 2005;
- considered the results of the completed and current TRACECA projects in 2004-2005 and discussed possibilities and prospects of cooperation with the EC under conditions of the new EU Neighbourhood policy;
- heard the information on projects to be launched in 2006;
- considered financial, institutional, legal, conceptual and other issues vital for further development of the international transport corridor Europe – Caucasus – Asia (TRACECA), including the strategic ones;

in accordance with Article 8 (clauses 5, 6) of the “Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe – Caucasus – Asia Corridor”,

ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

1. Financial Report on Disbursement of Funds of the PS IGC TRACECA in 2005

In accordance with clause 11, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC approved the Financial report of the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA, Mrs. Lyudmila Trenkova, on disbursement of funds of the PS in 2005 (*Appendix 2*).

2. Presentation of the Structure of the Permanent Secretariat

Taking into account the need of the PS for the qualified personnel and with the view of the scope of the approved budget for the fiscal year 2006, the IGC TRACECA acknowledges the need for the improvement of the PS structure. The IGC decides to abolish the position of the Executive Secretary and adopts a preliminary internal structure of the PS of the IGC (*Appendix 3*) by introducing further corresponding amendments of the PS Statute.

The IGC mandates the Secretary General in cooperation with the Permanent Representatives (National Secretaries) to design the final internal structure of the PS by the end of July 2006.

3. Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2006

Based on the decision of the IGC TRACECA (p.1.3, Final Resolutions of the Fourth Annual Meeting, Baku, 21-22 April 2005) and in accordance with the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5 (clauses 1-7) of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, taken into account the real needs of the PS, which are to be adjusted to the actual situation, the IGC adopted the changes in distinct articles within the frame of the approved budget for 2006 (*Appendix 4*).

4. Budget of the PS IGC TRACECA for 2007

In accordance with the budget procedure envisaged in Article 5 (clauses 1-7) of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS, the IGC adopted and approved the draft budget for 2007 (*Appendix 5*). For the provision of the budget the Parties shall pay in equal shares of 50,000 (fifty thousand) Euro each. Payment of the contributions shall be done in accordance with the Article 4 (clause 1) of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS.

5. Nomination of the Auditing Team for the Fiscal Year 2006

In accordance with clause 12, Article 5 of the Agreement on Joint Financing of the PS IGC TRACECA, to charge the IGC with nomination of the Auditing Team to effect control of the budget implementation, consisting of the following members:

Republic of Azerbaijan: Mr. Faig Alekperov, Head of the Financial Policy Department, Ministry of Transport

Republic of Kazakhstan: Mrs. Raikhan Shishanova, Head of Accounting and Financial Reporting, Department of the Financial Regulation, Ministry of Transport and Communication

Republic of Turkey: Mr. Izzet Isik, Head of Foreign Relations Department, General Directorate of Land Transport, Ministry of Transport and Communications

and approved the Temporary Regulations for work of the Team of Auditors (*Appendix 6*).

6. Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of IGC on the Status of Associates and Introduction of the Observer Status

In accordance with the Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure, as well as p. 4 and p. 5 of Article 14 of the Basic Agreement, the Intergovernmental Commission approved inclusion into the Rules of Procedure of the provisions on the status of associates.

The IGC TRACECA, taking into consideration its intention to allow for observership in the Intergovernmental Commission, declared during the 4th IGC TRACECA Meeting, and in conformity with the provisions of the Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure, decided that:

The Intergovernmental Commission may grant the status of observer in the Intergovernmental Commission to the states and international organisations, capable to contribute to the objectives of the Basic Agreement.

The Intergovernmental Commission shall follow the procedures for granting and termination of the status of observer, which shall be specified in its Rules of Procedure and an Annex thereto, which becomes an integral part of the Rules of Procedure.

With this in mind the IGC TRACECA adopted the amendments and additions (Annex) to the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA.

Amended text of the Rules of Procedure is enclosed to the present Final Resolutions (*Appendix 7*).

7. Adoption of the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA

The IGC welcomed the efforts of the Parties made in successful implementation of the Decision on clause 7 of the Final Resolutions of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA and expressed its gratitude to the EC for gratuitous assistance in elaboration of the IGC TRACECA Strategy.

The IGC TRACECA approved and adopted the Strategy for Development of the Transport Corridor Europe – Caucasus – Asia (TRACECA) for the period up to 2015 (*Appendix 8*).

8. Concept of Future Action Plans for the Strategy Implementation

The IGC charged the PS assisted by the Parties to submit the concept for elaboration of the action plans for the Strategy implementation, to be proposed for approval of the IGC meetings.

The IGC charges the PS with preparation of the First 2-3 year Action Plan on the Strategy implementation based on the received input from the countries and its submittal to the IGC for adoption during the Sixth Annual Meeting.

9. Further Institutionalisation of IGC TRACECA

The Intergovernmental Commission emphasising the growing importance of the transport corridors following the West-East direction, recognises the obvious necessity to ensure the follow-up and further development of the initiatives, already realised in the framework of the European Union's Tacis/TRACECA programme.

Recognising the need of strengthening its international legal status and institutional structure, with a view of enhancing its credibility and sustainability, the IGC agreed to continue further activities, including elaboration of relevant studies, regarding the prospectives of the IGC TRACECA transformation from the international body to an international organisation under the provisions of Article 9 of the Strategy, adopted by the Decision of IGC, p. 7 of the present Final Resolutions.

10. Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA

In accordance with clause 3.8 of the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA and clause 3.3 of the Statute of the PS IGC TRACECA, the members of the IGC elected **Mr Rustan Jenalinov**, as the Secretary General of the PS IGC TRACECA for the term of presidency of the Republic of Bulgaria in the IGC TRACECA.

11. TRACECA Database

The IGC welcomed the activity on creation of the TRACECA database and charged the PS supported by the Parties to provide continuity of collecting the statistical information via its Permanent representatives.

For the purpose of ensuring the system efficiency, the IGC made the following regulatory decision:

- a) The users from TRACECA countries and the European Union are entitled to unlimited access to the full TRACECA database after proper registration;
- b) The PS is entitled to elaborate the access and fee structures for other users.

Following the above principles, the IGC recommends the PS to elaborate a detailed user manual, including user fee scales.

12. Action Plan for 2006 of the TRACECA Programme

The Intergovernmental Commission adopted the Action plan 2006 of the Tacis/TRACECA Programme (*Appendix 9*).

13. Discussion of maritime transport safety and security issues

The Intergovernmental Commission welcomed the initiative to have important subjects presented to the members of the MLA and their guests and thanked the initiator and speaker from the Turkish Party.

14. TRACECA web-site

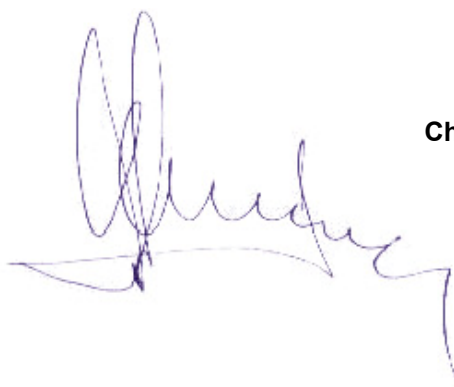
The Intergovernmental Commission appreciated the initiative of the Permanent Secretariat in the field of public awareness and charged the PS with the further development of the web-site.

15. Next Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the IGC TRACECA, the IGC TRACECA recommended to convene the Sixth Annual Meeting of the IGC TRACECA in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, in the first half of the year 2007.

The IGC regrets the Kyrgyz Republic delegation was not able to attend the event.

The present Final Resolutions of the IGC TRACECA were adopted by consensus of the Parties to the Basic Multilateral Agreement attending the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA, in Sofia, the Republic of Bulgaria, 3 May 2006.

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Chairman of the IGC TRACECA