

RULES OF PROCEDURE

OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE TRANSPORT CORRIDOR EUROPE-THE CAUCASUS- ASIA “TRACECA”

By application of Articles 8 and 9 of the “Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor” signed in Baku on September 8th 1998 by the agreeing State parties, these countries have held another meeting in Tbilisi on March 1 O-I 1, 2000, in order to settle the permanent commission called the “TRACECA intergovernmental Commission”.

The State parties have agreed on the settlement and implementation of the TRACECA Intergovernmental Commission according to the following dispositions.

1 - Definitions :

The Commission planned by the Basic Agreement to implement the provisions of this International Treaty and regulate its enforcement is named “Intergovernmental Commission of the Transport Corridor Europe-The Caucasus-Asia “TRACECA”. (referred to as IGC-TRACECA hereunder)

The IGC-TRACECA constitutes an Assembly of representatives of the governments which have signed the Basic Agreement heretofore called “Members” of the IGC-TRACECA.

The IGC-TRACECA is not a legal body; a Permanent Secretariat managed by a Secretary General is at its disposal in order to implement its decisions.

2 - Purposes :

The purposes of IGC-TRACECA are to facilitate the application of the dispositions of the Basic Agreement and to supervise its implementation.

To this avail the IGC-TRACECA shall fulfil the following tasks :

- It shall identify the problems linked to the implementation of the Basic Agreement and undertake studies to reach solutions; it shall propose to the member Governments the measures needed to achieve efficient implementation of the Basic Agreement,
- Upon request of Governments it shall provide its assistance and consulting services on all draft laws and regulations elaborated in view of the implementation of the Basic Agreement.
- Upon request of Governments it shall provide its assistance and consulting services in their actions towards International Transport Organisations.
- It shall propose, study and approve projects within the framework of the Basic Agreement

- It shall issue a yearly assessment report on work carried out in action to implement the dispositions of the Basic Agreement and the measures that remain to be taken.

3 - Meetings :

Each year Members of the IGC-TRACECA conduct a meeting

The Chairmanship of IGC-TRACECA will rotate every year, according to English alphabetical order. If a State participant is not prepared to assume the Chairmanship, it will go to the subsequent State participant, according to the same order.

The Meeting debates on the draft agenda established by the Secretary General with the agreement of the Chairman. The convening, with attached draft agenda and draft documents, must be sent by the Secretary General not later than 40 days before the Meeting. At the opening of the Meeting a new item may be included by consensus.

4 - Resolutions of the IGC-TRACECA :

The IGC-TRACECA adopts resolutions and recommendations during its sessions.

5 - Consensus and Quorum :

All decisions of the IGC-TRACECA are made by consensus.

The IGC-TRACECA shall not meet unless a minimum of two-thirds of its Members are present or represented.

6 - Working Groups :

Working Groups may be established by the IGC-TRACECA upon proposals made by the Secretary General. These Working Groups set their own rules with the assistance of the Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat. They report to each Meeting on the results of their works.

7 - Permanent Secretariat and Secretary General :

In accordance with article 9 of the Basic Agreement, a Permanent Secretariat will be set up which will be managed by a General Secretary.

The Permanent Secretariat shall be a legal body; it shall be governed by the Statutes adopted by the IGC-TRACECA by consensus.

8 - Working Languages :

The working languages of the IGC-TRACECA, of the Meetings, of the Working Groups and of the Permanent Secretariat shall be English and Russian.

The English and Russian versions of this document are identical.

