DUSHANBE DECLARATION

The Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA having held its Tenth Annual Meeting (Conference) on 17 September 2013, in Dushanbe, the Republic of Tajikistan,

Following in its activity the principles and guided by the provisions of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia Corridor (hereinafter referred to as the MLA),

Basing on the Strategy of the IGC TRACECA for development of the international transport corridor “Europe-the Caucasus-Asia” for the period up to 2015,

Highly appreciating the assistance of the European Commission rendered through Technical Assistance TRACECA projects, and expressing assurance of further fruitful cooperation with the European Union with the view of developing the transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia,

Recognizing the necessity of developing the TRACECA corridor on modern technological and logistic basis for the purposes of trade promotion,

As well as, welcoming the determination of the Parties to the Basic Agreement to make efforts towards developing the TRACECA corridor,

Declarations the following:

IGC positively evaluates the activity of the Parties concerned with 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” for the period up to 2015;

IGC welcomes signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA and the International Road Union with the view of efficient solution of the tasks regarding the development of effective road freight transport in the corridor;

IGC welcomes signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Civil Aviation between the Permanent Secretariat of the IGC TRACECA and the European Civil Aviation Conference with the view of developing cooperation in the field of civil aviation and promoting safe and secure air transport in the region of TRACECA;

IGC greatly appreciates and supports the initiatives of the MLA Parties (TRACECA countries) directed towards further advancement of goods and passengers’ movement within the TRACECA corridor, improvement of transport infrastructure, simplification of border-crossing procedures, development of transit and multimodal transport;

IGC highly appreciates the outcomes of the TRACECA Investment Forums ensuring a constructive dialogue between the Governments of the Parties and the International Financial Institutions on attracting the investments for the implementation of priority infrastructure projects within the Europe-the Caucasus-Asia transport corridor;

IGC welcomes the statement of His Excellency, Mr. Abdulghafour Arezou, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in the Republic of Tajikistan regarding the continuation of the accession of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the MLA within the shortest possible time.

Acknowledging the significance of the decisions made, the IGC expresses its satisfaction with the outcomes of the Tenth Annual Meeting.

Participants of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the IGC express their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the European Commission for the assistance in organizing the Conference on the high level and for the hospitality received.