

Information on the status of implementation of the Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA

On 16 June 2009 during the VII Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA in Cholpon-Ata (the Kyrgyz Republic) there was signed the **Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA**. As of 1 May 2016 the Agreement came into force for the countries which signed and ratified it – Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Iran, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Turkey, Uzbekistan did not sign this Agreement. Previously Bulgaria and Romania informed of examination of the expediency of acceding to this Agreement after consultations with the European Commission.

On 2 April of the current year the PS IGC TRACECA received the appeal from Ukraine on the intention to accede to the mentioned Agreement. In compliance with the provisions on the procedure of accession on 4 April the Permanent Secretariat sent to the address of the Depository – the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan the request of appropriate forwarding of requests to the countries-participants of the Agreement.

The Permanent Secretariat received the informal communication from the Depository that the appropriate inquiries to the Parties had been sent, but due to the different internal procedures of every country, the reply to this inquiry would be received later on.

The Agreement is open for accession of any state with consent of all Parties to the Agreement received by the Depository via diplomatic channels.

Within its competence the Permanent Secretariat recommends that the countries, which did not sign the Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA, should consider the possibility of participating in the Agreement.

Taking into consideration the provisions of the Agreement, particularly, the development of a single form of the document for multimodal transport in view of the geography of participating Parties, the Agreement may be effectively applied in communication with the countries of Central Asia with direct participation of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The accession of other countries which did not sign this Agreement is also expedient.