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**PROTOCOL  
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL ANNEXES  
ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT, CUSTOMS AND DOCUMENTATION  
PROCEDURES TO THE BASIC MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL  
TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPE- THE CAUCASUS-ASIA CORRIDOR**

In accordance with Article 11 (Presentation of Amendments and Additions) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe – Caucasus - Asia Corridor and the Final Resolutions of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on the transport corridor Europe - Caucasus - Asia it was agreed to incorporate the following amendments to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe – Caucasus - Asia Corridor:

1. To make the following additions to the Technical Annex on International Road Transport:

1.1 Supplement the Article 2 “Definitions” with new clauses stipulated as follows:

“9. The term «TRACECA permit» means a multilateral permit, valid for an unlimited number of journeys between Parties and for the period of one year, issued to a Carrier (specific individual or a legal entity) for a specific motor vehicle to effect international transport of goods by road and approved by a Party to the Basic Multilateral Agreement.

10. The term “Quota” means the number of permits available for a Party to the “Basic Multilateral Agreement”, which are allocated and issued by the Permanent Secretariat together with its permanent representations in the Parties and annually approved by the Intergovernmental Commission for each following year.”

1.2 Supplement the Article 3 “Access to the Market” with new clauses, stipulated as follows:

“3. Each Party acknowledges the multilateral TRACECA permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this Technical Annex as a permit document for a motor vehicle to enter, depart and transit via the Parties’ territories. The TRACECA permit holder is entitled to effect back loading on the territory of the Parties.

4. The TRACECA permit system functions on the basis of a quota system, providing for transport between the Parties to the “Basic Multilateral Agreement” in transit via the territories of one or several Parties to the “Basic Multilateral Agreement” by motor vehicles registered in a Party to the “Basic Multilateral Agreement”;

5. A Carrier from one Party is not permitted to transport goods between two points located on the territory of any other Party (cabotage).

6. During international transit transport of goods on the territories of the Parties using the TRACECA permit a motor vehicle shall be exempted from taxes, duties and other payments irrespective of their names and origin excluding trip payment across toll-roads, tunnels and bridges.

7. Permits and other documents required in accordance with the provisions of this Technical Annex shall be available in the motor vehicle they pertain to and shall be produced at the request of competent controlling bodies.”

2. To make the following additions to the Technical Annex on Customs and Documentation Procedures:

2.1 Supplement the Article 3 “Customs Control” with new clauses stipulated as follows:

“3. Provided that the conditions laid down in the customs transit procedure used for the transit operation are fulfilled to the satisfaction of the customs authorities, goods in international transport including transit:

- a. shall not, as a general rule, be subject to customs examination during the journey except to the extent necessary to ensure compliance with rules and regulations which the customs are responsible for enforcing. Flowing from this, the customs authorities shall normally restrict themselves to the control of customs seals and other security measures at points of entry and exit;
- b. shall not be subject to any customs formalities or requirements additional to those of the customs transit regime used for the transit operation.”

2.2 Supplement the Technical Annex with a new Article stipulated as follows:

“Article 5  
Transit Facilitation

In order to facilitate the transit of goods, the Party shall:

- 1) If it is the country of shipment, as far as practicable, take all measures to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information required for the subsequent transit operations;
- 2) If it is the country of destination:
  - a) Take all necessary measures to ensure that goods in customs transit shall be cleared, as a rule, at the customs office of destination of the goods;
  - b) Endeavour to carry out the clearance of goods at a place as near as is possible to the place of final destination of the goods.”

This Protocol comes into force in accordance with Articles 11 (“Presentation of Amendments and Additions” and 13 (“Entry into force”) of the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for the Development of the Europe- the Caucasus-Asia Corridor.

Done at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on the transport corridor Europe - the Caucasus - Asia at ..... on ..... in one original copy in the English and Russian languages, both of them being equally authentic.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized Heads of Delegations have signed this Protocol.

For the Republic of Armenia

For the Republic of Moldova

For the Republic of Azerbaijan

For Romania

For the Republic of Bulgaria

For the Republic of Tajikistan

For Georgia

For the Republic of Turkey

For the Republic of Kazakhstan

For Ukraine

For the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Republic of Uzbekistan