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**PROTOCOL
ON AMENDMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL ANNEX ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT
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 3rd Annual Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission TRACECA on the transport corridor Europe - Caucasus - Asia it was agreed to incorporate the following amendments to the Technical Annex on International Road Transport to the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe – Caucasus - Asia Corridor:

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

“3. The Parties shall establish gradually free market access for international road transport in line with the relevant principles prevailing in the European Community.

4. Recognising that free market access, as provided for in clause 3, will be a longer term objective in some of the Parties, in a first phase, the Parties shall establish a quota-free regime for bilateral and transit road transport of goods. Permits may still be required for administrative and statistical purposes. Third country (triangular) and cabotage transport operations are excluded from the above quota-free regime.

5. As a short-term measure, this quota-free regime shall be applicable, by the end of the year 2002, for “green”, “greener and safer” goods road vehicles in accordance with the definition of the ECMT.

6. The quota-free regime shall not prejudice the benefits already derived from bilateral agreements, which are in force between the Parties as far as free-of-charge permits are concerned. It shall also not prejudice the sovereign rights of the Parties to require payment of tolls and other road user charges.

7. The Parties shall introduce and promote efficient and adequate combined transport services to ensure additional and complementary capacities in international road transport on certain sections of major international transport corridors in the TRACECA region.”

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

**“Article 6
Charging Policies**

1. The Parties agree to take all appropriate steps towards rationalisation and gradual convergence of charging policies for international road transport of goods by taking account of the principles of cost-relatedness, non-discrimination and transparency.

2. The Parties shall ensure that tolls and any other forms of user charges may not be imposed at the same time for the use of the same road section. Such charges imposed on carriers shall be based on internationally recognised standard elements for the calculation of

costs of road transport as well as on units (tonne-km). The respective charges shall be payable in local currency or in an international currency.

3. No charges for excess weight and/or excess dimensions shall be imposed on goods road vehicles complying with the regulations of the European Community (EC) on maximum permissible weights and dimensions in international road transport as long as they use those sections of the international roads which allow for the use of goods road vehicles on maximum dimensions and weights in international road transport that will be described in a list to be added as a Protocol.”

(NB PS: Clause is in contradiction with clause 1 of Article 4 of the Technical Annex on international road transport to Basic Agreement)

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 4th 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