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PRESS RELEASE ON THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION (IGC) TRACECA

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Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, participated in the “*Thirteenth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA*”, which took place in Yerevan, on 6 March 2018.

The Meeting was chaired by. Mr. Vahan MARTIROSYAN, Minister of Transport, Communication and Information Technologies of the Republic of Armenia.

General statements were made by the representatives of the States Parties to the Multilateral Agreement for the Development of TRACECA, informing on the work done for the implementation of the previous decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA.

The representatives of various international and regional organizations as well as Observer States of IGC TRACECA made also statements during the Meeting.

Ambassador CHEBELEU informed the participants about the implementation of the major BSEC infrastructure projects such as the “*Coordinated Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway and Development of the Motorways of the Sea in the Black Sea Region*” as well as the related projects in the field of facilitation of road transport of goods, optimizing intermodal services and identifying constraints affecting intra-regional trade expansion and transportation. He emphasized the importance of strengthening cooperation between BSEC and TRACECA, aimed especially at ensuring the complementarity of their efforts.

Among the major decisions adopted during the Meeting were the approval of the “*Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy of IGC TRACECA for the development of the International transport corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for 2016-2026*”, the approval of the “*Roadmap for the development of international transport within the corridor Europe-the Caucasus-Asia for the period of 5 years*” and the accession of countries to the “*Agreement on the development of Multimodal Transport TRACECA*”.