



PRESS RELEASE

**ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO
THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING THE BASIC MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT
ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPE-
CAUCASUS-ASIA CORRIDOR (MLA) AND THE 14th MEETING OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION (IGC) TRACECA**

(Baku, 5-6 December 2019)

Ambassador Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary General of PERMIS, attended the International Conference dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of signing *the Basic Multilateral Agreement on International Transport for Development of the Europe-Caucasus-Asia Corridor (MLA)* and *the 14th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) TRACECA*, which took place in Baku, on 5-6 December 2019.

The Meeting of the IGC TRACECA was chaired by Mr. Mikayil JABBAROV, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, who took over the Chairmanship-in-Office of the IGC TRACECA, held by Armenia.

General statements were made by the representatives of the States Parties to the MLA, providing information on the work done for the implementation of the previous decisions and recommendations of the IGC TRACECA. Statements were made also by the representatives of Observer States as well as international organizations.

Ambassador Chebeleu informed the audience on the implementation of the major BSEC infrastructure projects in the field of facilitation of road transport of goods, optimizing intermodal services and introduction of more automation and digitalization in the procedures concerning the transport of goods and services in order to achieve sustainable transport and mobility in the wider Black Sea area, the implementation of the *2030 UN Agenda* and the transport related Sustainable Development Goals.

Among the major decisions of the Meeting were the approval of the Thematic Guide-*TRACECA Guide for Border Crossing*, and the election of Mr. Asset ASSAVBAYEV, Chairman of the Transport Committee in the Ministry of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat of IGC TRACECA.