

**DECLARATION
OF THE II INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA TRANSPORT CONFERENCE**

Kyiv, 5-6 March 2002

The representatives of European and Asian States, international organizations, financial institutions, unions and associations of transport carriers, forwarders, cargo holders as well as other institutions which have taken part in the II Black Sea Transport Conference on 5-6 of March, 2002 in Kyiv,

Desiring to promote the further development of international cargo and passenger transportation in the Black Sea Area as a linkage between Europe and Asia,

Taking into consideration the essential importance of state transport systems' cooperation for increasing foreign trade efficiency and ensuring the growing demand in reliable and environmental friendly transport ties,

Affirming the allegiance to cooperation principles on harmonized transport policy aimed at deepening the integration of national transport systems and also at ensuring honest and open competition in providing services, which were substantiated by Pan-European Transport Conferences (Crete, March 1994; Helsinki, June 1997), by Conference of Transport Ministers of BSEC and Central Europe countries (Sofia, 21-22 of November 1996), by Transport Conference TRACECA-BSEC (Tbilisi, 8-9 of April 1997), by Conference of Transport Ministers of the Black Sea Area (Kyiv, 16 of May 1997), by International Conference on rebirth of historical Silk Path (Baku, 7-8 of September 1998), by the First and the Second International Euro-Asian Conferences on Transport (Saint-Petersburg, 10-11 of May 1988; Saint-Petersburg, 12-13 of September 2000), by the Meeting of Transport Ministers of BSEC Member States and other corresponding conferences and meetings relating to transport,

Noting the positive results achieved in realization of Memorandum of Understanding on development of the Black Sea Transport Area and TRACECA Programme on the way of common transport system's creation in Europe-Asian direction as a result of Crete Transport Corridors and Europe-Caucasus-Asia Transport Corridor joining up,

Recognizing the importance of activities exercised by the Economic Commission for Europe, the European Commission of European Union, the European Conference of Ministers of Transport in this direction believe that further cooperation should be based on the following principles:

- harmonized transport policy;
- compliance of national legislation with international transport agreements and conventions;
- environmental safety and protection ensured on the basis of economic and social standards substantiated by international conventions;
- absence of discrimination in the bilateral and multilateral relations;
- openness in investment policy;
- conditions for honest competition.

Exercising their readiness to further teamwork the participants of the Conference confirm their determination:

- to coordinate the activity on forming and ensuring stable and effective operation of international transport corridors as well as development of effective methods intended for financing transport infrastructure objects and making decision relating to tariffs and prices;
- to continue the realization of measures on joining the European and the Asian transport systems in a uniform system using in this connection the Black Sea Pan-European Transport Area as the main linkage;
- to promote development of logistic management systems and cargo forwarding, improvement of informational support of transportation and users of transport services, creation of cooperative transport, transport and forwarding as well as operator companies which carry out multimodal carriages;
- to realise measures of political, administrative and financial support with the purpose of conducting combined scientific surveys in the field of transport systems' cooperation;
- to promote realization of principles aimed at equality and mutual benefits of all concerned parties while international carriages.

And for these ends the participants of the Conference have agreed to substantiate certain measures, which should be carried out in prime order:

- combined survey in the field of forecasting transnational flows;
- maximum use of available terminals and transport network potential;
- creation of a uniform informational area including compatibility of national information systems and standardization of electronic communication process;
- harmonization of border and customs procedures;
- modernizing of the vehicles, terminals and other infrastructure first of all on the main international transport corridors;
- joining the International Convention on Harmonized Conditions of Border Cargo Control of the 21st of October 1982;
- creation of joint boundary crossing points.