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## **Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Transport**

Brussels, 14 November 2013

### ***Ministerial Declaration***

The Ministers responsible for Transport of the Union for the Mediterranean, meeting in conference in Brussels on 14 November 2013, under the Co-presidency of the European Union (EU) and of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

#### ***Recalling:***

1. The Conclusions of the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Transport of 2005 (Marrakech) affirming Ministers' commitments to achieving the main objectives of the Barcelona Process and in particular, in the field of transport, the setting-up of an integrated multimodal Euro-Mediterranean transport network contributing to the strengthening of exchanges between the EU and the Mediterranean Partners, and among the Mediterranean Partners themselves;
2. The High Level Conference of 2007 (Lisbon) on the Extension of the Major Trans-European Transport Axes to the Mediterranean Region;
3. The Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean of 2008, launching the Union for the Mediterranean, a reinforced partnership built on the results of the Barcelona Process, stressing the need to increase cooperation in areas such as transport;
4. The Conclusions of the European Conference of 2009 (Naples) on *"The future of Trans-European Transport Networks: Bringing Europe closer to its neighbours"* encouraging the connection between the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) and the non-European networks, especially the Trans-Mediterranean one (TMN-T);
5. The Conclusions of the Council of the EU of 6 October 2011 on *"Transport cooperation with the EU's neighbouring regions"* where it, in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy, "recognises the importance of working together with neighbouring regions across all transport modes, including multimodal operations, to improve their safety, security, environmental and social performance", and it "encourages the EU to continue its cooperation in the Euromed transport framework under the auspices of the Union for the Mediterranean, with the aim of promoting concrete priority projects already identified within the Trans-Mediterranean

Transport Network and therefore looks forward to a second Conference of the Transport Ministers of the Euro-Mediterranean region".

***Reaffirming:***

6. The need for a safe, secure, sustainable and efficient transport system based on harmonised transport standards as a condition for economic growth and integration in the Mediterranean region by facilitating trade and connecting people;
7. That, in this context, an integrated multimodal Euro-Mediterranean transport network has a key role to play for the strengthening of exchanges between the EU and the Mediterranean Partners and among the Mediterranean Partners themselves;
8. The importance of Euro-Mediterranean transport cooperation founded on the two complementary pillars of regulatory reform and convergence in all relevant different transport sectors (maritime, road, railways, civil aviation and urban transport) and of the establishment of the future Trans-Mediterranean Transport Network (TMN-T), to be connected with the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T);
9. The vision of this connection, as reflected in the EU Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network as well as in the EU Regulation establishing the Connecting Europe Facility, and as also endorsed by the Mediterranean Partners of the EU through their relevant national regulations and bilateral, regional and international commitments.

***Welcome:***

10. The work carried out within Euro-Mediterranean transport cooperation, notably through the Transport Forum and its thematic working groups in the field of aviation, land and maritime transport, as well as infrastructure, that served as an efficient framework of dialogue and exchange of expertise;
11. The progress achieved in implementing the Regional Transport Action Plan for the Mediterranean Region (RTAP) 2007-2013 as regards the design of the TMN-T and the regulatory field;

12. The supporting actions that were carried out through EU instruments, the Mediterranean Partners' strategies as well as the cooperation with AMU, GTMO 5+5 /CETMO and ESCWA<sup>1</sup>, which were aimed at implementing the TMN-T.

***Endorse:***

13. The Evaluation Report of the RTAP 2007-2013 for the Mediterranean Region;
14. The priority guidelines for the establishment of the new RTAP 2014-2020 by the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum, which will lay down concrete actions on regulatory reform and convergence as well as TMN-T development; these actions should focus on the development of Motorways of the Sea and facilitation of maritime operations, as well as with the hinterland, the efficient use of rail and road networks, the establishment of a Euro-Mediterranean Common Aviation Area, transport safety and efficiency through inter-modality, and the development of relevant innovative solutions, including through continued cooperation on GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite Systems);
15. The principle of developing the Trans-Mediterranean Transport Network (TMN-T) and its connection with the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T).
16. ***Agree*** to mandate the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum to closely follow the establishment of a mutually agreed indicative map of the Trans-Mediterranean transport network (TMN-T), and to identify the list of priority projects located in the TMN-T as well as the relevant supporting actions. In doing so, scenarios of potential connections within the TMN-T as well as with the TEN-T will be explored, including possible links between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic shores through the Motorways of the Sea.
17. ***Encourage*** the inclusion of the indicative map of the TMN-T into the Regulation on Union guidelines for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network.
18. ***Stress*** the importance of the mobilisation of all the available funds, including EU instruments and supports by the European Investment Bank as well as other European and international financial institutions, in a coordinated manner to support the implementation of the TMN-T and

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<sup>1</sup> AMU: Arab Maghreb Union;  
GTMO 5+5 : Transport Ministers Group of the Western Mediterranean (5- France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain /5- Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia);  
CETMO: Study Centre for Transport in the Western Mediterranean;  
ESCWA: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

its priority projects. To this aim, **support** the holding at the earliest convenience of a conference involving all potential financial partners to be organised by the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean before the end of 2015.

19. **Entrust** the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum to enhance cooperation of the Euro-Mediterranean Partners in the relevant international fora, as well as promote the exchange of experiences and best practices amongst all participating countries, and reinforce the dialogue and exchange of views with the stakeholders.
20. **Recommend** the full involvement of relevant European Agencies for the implementation of the RTAP 2014-2020, in accordance with their founding regulations.
21. **Underline** the importance of ensuring, within the Secretariat of the Union for Mediterranean, a permanent technical support to the operation of the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum.
22. **Agree** to hold the next Union for the Mediterranean Ministerial Transport Conference at the latest in 2016, and **request**, in this prospect, the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum to submit to the UfM Senior Official Meeting a progress report on the Euro-Mediterranean transport cooperation, including the development of the TMN-T and of the implementation of the new RTAP 2014-2020.