

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY

Agreed Conclusions

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- Confirms that its priority remains the full implementation of the Transport Community and especially the set-up of its Permanent Secretariat and calls upon the appointment of the Director as soon as possible.
- Without prejudice of the decision to be taken by the Council (EU) on budgetary and staff matters, welcomes the presentation, made by the European Commission, regarding the state of play of implementation of the Permanent Secretariat.
- Recommends that an interim solution – prior to the appointment of its permanent director - is found to execute the budget and to begin the implementation of the Permanent Secretariat following the dissolution of SEETO.
- Recalls the priorities defined at the first Ministerial Council of 6 December 2017, followed by the declarations endorsed by the Western Balkan Six Ministers and their representatives, on Road Safety and Border and Common Crossing Points, at Ljubljana on 24 April 2018.
- Welcomes the possibility to develop regional projects in line with the above mentioned priorities, such as road safety (elimination of road safety blackspots) and border-crossing (improvement of infrastructure and equipment).

- Takes note of the endorsement of a declaration, by all Western Balkans Six partners, to develop a Regional Rail Strategy.
- Suggests, in this context, that the Permanent Secretariat explores the ways to set up an operational action plan to support and implement of the strategy.
- Endorses the Rules of Procedures (see decision 1/2018 and Annex). The Presidency of the Ministerial Council will be held by Albania as of 1/1/2019. The Presidency will be assisted by the European Commission and Bosnia and Herzegovina according to point III of the Annex of the Rules of Procedures.
- Agrees to set up the next Ministerial Council in Albania during the Fourth Quarter of 2019.

Done at Brussels, on, 10 December 2018,

For the Ministerial Council

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