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**GEORGIA, TAJIKISTAN SIGN DRAFT AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT**

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Georgia and Tajikistan signed a draft agreement on International Road Transport which will facilitate the growth of the passenger and freight traffic flow between Georgia and the Republic of Tajikistan and strengthen mutually beneficial economic cooperation.

Georgias Ministry of Economy reports that the draft agreement determines the bilateral, transit or via-third-party-countries transportation based on quota permits, the number of which is determined by the parties on the basis of the agreement and the exchange of permit forms.

In addition, it regulates the legal issues related to road transportation between the parties, which will help Georgian and Tajiki carriers in their business activities. The Draft Agreement on International Road Traffic between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and Government of Georgia was prepared and signed in Tbilisi last week, during the visit of the representatives of the Ministry of the Transport of Tajikistan to Tbilisi.

At the meeting, the members of the Tajik and Georgian delegations agreed on the text of the Agreement and a relevant protocol was signed seeing the parties confirm mutual interest in promptly completing the necessary internal procedures to speed up signing of the Agreement.

The guests met their Georgian colleagues, including the Deputy Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, Akaki Saghirashvili, and the representatives of the Transport and Logistics Development Policy Department and the LEPL Land Transport Agency.

It was noted that the Tajiki side is interested in using Georgias transport capabilities, including Georgias harbors, more actively in future.

Tajikistan is interested in developing trade and economic relations with Georgia and the development of transport links in different directions are of utmost importance in this regard, the representatives of the Tajik ministry said.

Within the frames of the visit, the delegation also visited the Tbilisi Customs Clearance Zone and expressed its interest in sharing Georgias experience in the customs affairs.

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