



ISSYK-KUL DECLARATION ON PROMOTING REGIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION BETWEEN CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASIA

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The Task Force on Promoting Regional Energy Cooperation between Central and South Asia, established under the Bishkek Declaration and comprising of representatives from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan,

Recalling the Bishkek Declaration agreed on 26 April 2007, the Kabul Declaration, agreed on 18 November 2007, the Dushanbe Declaration agreed on 23 April 2008, the Almaty Declaration agreed on 21 April 2009, the Ashgabat Declaration agreed on 18 November 2009 and the Ulaanbaatar Declaration agreed on 9 July 2010;

Welcoming the participation of CIS Electric Power Council, SAARC Secretariat and the SAARC Energy Centre in this forum;

Emphasising the benefits of this Task Force, as a neutral forum promoting exchange of information, open discussions, knowledge sharing and development of common goals for enhanced cooperation;

Understanding the necessity to develop and intensify cross-border energy trade and transit;

Stressing the importance of the Energy Charter Treaty in facilitating mutually beneficial and balanced cross-border trade and transit based on the principles of the Energy Charter;

Considering the measures taken by the participating countries for developing energy infrastructure, aimed at creation of common energy markets;

Encouraged by the commitment of Afghanistan and Pakistan to accede to the Energy Charter Treaty;

Acknowledging the need for speedier completion of Afghanistan's and Pakistan's accession process to the Energy Charter Treaty, to encourage secure cross border energy trade and transit between Central and South Asia; and

Recognising the importance of addressing the transit related matters in the region;

Delegations from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, participating in the 7th meeting of the Task Force on Regional Energy Cooperation in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic on 23 June 2011,

RECOMMEND:

Continuing the work of this Task Force as a forum for discussion on regional energy cooperation between the members of the Energy Charter Process, including the observer countries;

Working towards reaching a joint understanding on legal, regulatory and technical frameworks for cross-border energy transit and trade;

Calling to the Energy Charter Conference for rapid completion of the Transit Protocol negotiations and for further elaborating on electricity transit issues in the context of this region;

Holding a ministerial level meeting of the Participating countries to encourage the accession of Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Energy Charter Treaty and to adopt recommendations made by the participating countries at the Task Force level;

Continuing to work towards high-level political commitment by participating countries to enhance regional energy cooperation using the Energy Charter Treaty;

Using this forum in other regions, interested in sharing the knowledge on the best practice examples existing within the Energy Charter Constituency.