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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Approval of Niger's request to become a Signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter

By CC 511 dated 13 March 2015, delegations were invited to approve the request of the Republic of Niger to become a Signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter. As specified by Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure (CC 53 Corr. 2) concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, members of the Energy Charter Conference were informed that any delegation that wished to object to this proposal should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 1 April 2015. Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 1 April 2015:

Acting pursuant to Section VIII of the Final Act of the European Energy Charter Conference, the Energy Charter Conference **approves** the application of the Government of the Republic of Niger to subscribe to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter. The Conference, furthermore, **invites** the Government of the Netherlands, as Depositary, to make appropriate arrangements for implementing this decision.

Pending its accession to the Energy Charter Treaty, and pursuant to Rule 7 (c) of the Rules of procedure of the provisional Energy Charter Conference, the Energy Charter Conference **invites** the Republic of Niger to participate in the work of the Energy Charter Conference and subsidiary bodies as an observer without a right to vote.

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The Conference **encourages** the Government of the Republic of Niger to proceed with the accession to the Energy Charter Treaty and **invites** the Secretariat to assist the Government of the Republic of Niger in this respect.