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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Approval of the Terms of Reference for the Energy Efficiency Group

By document CC 530, dated 6 November 2015, delegations were invited to approve the transformation of the PEEREA Working Group to a Standing Group (the ‘Energy Efficiency Group’), as well as to approve the Terms of Reference of such Group. As specified by Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure 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 26 November 2015.

Having received no specific objections, the Conference **approved** on 26 November 2015 the transformation of the Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects Working Group (PEEREA) into the ‘Energy Efficiency Group’ (as a Standing Group), as well as its Terms of Reference.

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Terms of Reference for the Standing Group on Energy Efficiency

1. Background

The Working Group under the Protocol for Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA) was established by Charter Conference Decision CCDEC1998 (20) as a subsidiary body in accordance with Art. 34(5) of the ECT and the relevant Rules of Procedure for the Energy Charter Conference and was based on the Procedures for Implementation of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects. In 2015 a comprehensive review of the content, process and objectives of the PEEREA In-depth review reports and the PEEREA WG activities was undertaken. The assessment report recognised the value of the continuous activities and the growing relevance of the PEEREA Working Group ever since its inception and recommended that the group Members take necessary steps to transform the Working Group into a Standing Group (to be called 'Energy Efficiency Group') to reflect the regular nature of its work.

2. Composition

The Group consists of representatives of all Contracting Parties/Signatories to the Protocol. Observers may be invited to participate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.

3. Tasks

The Group shall:

1. Organise periodic reviews of the national energy efficiency policies, strategies, programmes and pricing policies, as well as other economic instruments. Measures for improving the policies, strategies and programmes should be identified as well as monitoring mechanisms;
2. Explore ways of associating donor organisations present in the reviewed countries in the country review and monitoring process; identify together with donor organisations, policy support activities to assist countries in the effective implementation of the recommended measures by the reviews;
3. Serve as a forum for identifying options for specific energy efficiency policies and programmes best suited to the circumstances of individual countries in accordance with the basic principles outlined in Article 3 (2) of the Protocol. Contracting Parties may use these options and define time-schedules for their implementation;
4. Promote energy efficiency investment in close collaboration with the Investment Group and facilitate cooperation between different stakeholders in order to increase the flow of sustainable energy efficiency investments in member and observer countries;
5. Develop proposals for specific activities under the Protocol;
6. Report to the Charter Conference on progress of implementation of the Protocol every year.