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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Approval of the Declaration on Promotion of the Environmental Goods Agreement

By document CC 522, dated 23 October 2015, delegations were invited to adopt the Declaration on Promotion of the Environmental Goods Agreement as agreed by the Trade and Transit 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 11 November 2015.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, the Conference **approved** the Declaration on Promotion of the Environmental Goods Agreement (attached).

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DECLARATION

ON PROMOTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS AGREEMENT

Whereas Seventeen Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) have been negotiating an Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) to remove barriers to trade in environmental goods, of which Australia, Canada, China, European Union, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and United States are signatories of the European Energy Charter (1991) or International Energy Charter (2015);

Whereas the EGA negotiating parties aim to achieve meaningful outcome on the EGA by the 10th Ministerial Conference of the WTO which be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 15 to 18 December 2015, and to pursue further negotiations thereafter;

Whereas the UN General Assembly adopted the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals, of which Goal 7 provides to “Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all” by 2030;

Whereas the Energy Charter Treaty allows for the introduction of a legally binding tariff commitment on items covered by Annexes EM I and EQ I of the Energy Charter Treaty;

Whereas Signatories of the International Energy Charter decided to strengthen and integrate regional energy markets and enhance the efficient functioning of the global energy market by joint or coordinated action in the fields of liberalisation of trade in energy; energy efficiency, environmental protection and sustainable and clean energy;

Whereas Signatories of the International Energy Charter confirmed support for initiatives and partnerships at international level which are conducive to the access to sustainable, modern, affordable, and cleaner energy;

Whereas the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects encourages commercial trade and cooperation in energy efficient and environmentally sound technologies;

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Encourages the progress of negotiations and conclusion of the Environmental Goods Agreement by the end of 2015;

Encourages the EGA negotiating parties to include in the text, among others, a broad range of environmentally sound energy technologies;

Encourages Energy Charter Contracting Parties and Signatories to join the Environmental Goods Agreement at any stage.