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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: List of Chairmanships 2016-2018

The Energy Charter Conference at its 26th Meeting held on 3 December 2015 **adopted** the list of Contracting Parties who will hold the Chairmanship for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018 as shown in document CC 542.

2016:	Japan
2017:	Turkmenistan
2018:	Romania

The Annex shows the letter of expression of interest from Romania.

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To H.E. Mr. Urban RUSNAK
Secretary General of the Energy Charter

Dear Mr. Rusnak,

The recent Conference in the Hague on May 20-21, 2015 when the International Energy Charter was adopted and signed has opened a new era in the modernization of the Energy Charter process and hopefully will contribute to the decision of an increased number of States to become Parties to the Energy Charter Treaty and its related legal instruments underlying the process.

Over the years, the Romanian authorities have followed closely the activities carried out within the Energy Charter process and endeavored to cooperate with the other partners for its furtherance. At the same time, there is a strong intention to contribute more to this process and increase Romania's participation in the joint cooperative efforts. In this context, I am glad to inform you about Romania's readiness to hold the Energy Charter Chairmanship in 2018.

Also, as discussed in the Hague, we are pleased to invite you to pay a visit to Bucharest on October 5-6, 2015. On that occasion we will have the opportunity to discuss our future cooperation and to attend the opening of the 14th Energy Investment and Regulation Conference organized by the Energy Regulators Regional Association (ERRA) and hosted by the Romanian Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration. With my best regards,

Andrei Dominic GEREA

