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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Appointment of second Vice-Chairperson of the Trade and Transit Group

By CC 549 dated 6 January 2016, delegations were invited to approve the appointment as second Vice-Chair of the Trade and Transit Group of Ms. Tamar Tsursumia. As specified by Rule 19 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 January 2016.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, the Secretariat would like to inform delegations of the appointment of Ms. Tamar Tsursumia as second Vice-Chair of the Trade and Transit Group, being effective as of 26 January 2016.

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Annex I

საქართველოს ენერჯეტიკის
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The Ministry of Energy of Georgia presents its compliments to the Energy Charter Secretariat.

In response to the note of the Secretariat regarding the Designation of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and other officers of the Conference's Subsidiary Bodies the Ministry has the honour to nominate Mrs. Tamar Tsurtsunia, employee of the Ministry of Energy of Georgia, as Vice-Chairman of the Energy Charter Working Group on Trade and Transit.

Mrs. Tamar Tsurtsunia has Master's Degree in International Relations. She has been working for the Ministry of Energy since 2009 and her scope of work included coordination of cooperation between the Ministry of Energy and International Organizations such as Energy Charter and Energy Community.

She has been a participant in the Energy Charter Trade and Transit Group meetings since 2010. She also served in the Secretariat as a Seconded in 2013 and 2015 and worked on publications related to trade and transit issues. In particular, she did a research on "Gas Transit through Georgia in the light of Energy Charter and Energy Community provisions" and also prepared an occasional paper on "Electricity Trade Opportunities in South Caucasus". One of the main tasks of her stay in the Secretariat was also to further develop the co-operation between Georgia and the Secretariat and to help in the preparations for Georgia during its Chairmanship in 2015.

She also contributed to the negotiation process on Association Agreement between the EU and Georgia including to the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) particularly related to Transit issues. Mrs. Tamar Tsurtsunia also gained relevant experience from serving as a Seconded Legal in the Energy Community Secretariat.

Based on her experience, we express our hope that the candidature of Georgia will be supported the Energy Charter member countries.

The Ministry of Energy of Georgia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Energy Charter Secretariat the assurance of its highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Mariam Valisvili

Deputy Minister