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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Informal Working Name

By CC 556 dated 15 June 2016, the Conference was invited to approve a draft decision regarding the adoption of an informal working name to better reflect the global nature of the organisation and for clarity in presentation to third parties. As discussed at the Strategy Group meeting of 15 June 2016, the decision does not affect the status under international law of either the Energy Charter Conference or the Energy Charter Secretariat.

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 4 July 2016.

No objections were received within the specified time limit. Therefore, on 4 July 2016 the Energy Charter Conference **approved** the use of an informal working name, 'International Energy Charter', to refer to the Energy Charter Conference and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the Energy Charter Secretariat. Such name will be used as of the date of approval of this decision for any public communications, except for those documents that require the use of the official name of the relevant institution according to the Energy Charter Treaty (e.g. Conference decisions would still refer to the Energy Charter Conference). This decision does not require any amendment of the Energy Charter Treaty since the Energy Charter Conference will keep its official name.

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