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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Approval of the Amendment to Staff Rule 8.1.a

By CC 557 dated 17 June 2016, the Conference was invited to approve an amendment to Staff Rule 8.1.a.

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 6 July 2016.

No objections were received within the specified time limit. Therefore, on 6 July 2016 the Energy Charter Conference **approved** the following amendment to Staff Rule 8.1.a (in colour):

A person shall not be appointed as an official to posts established by the Conference unless he or she is a national of a Contracting Party, or a Signatory **that is not in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the budget of the Energy Charter Secretariat in the amount which equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years.**

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