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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Approval of the request of several African countries and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to become Signatories to the International Energy Charter**

By CC 552 dated 7 June 2016, the Conference was invited to approve the request of several African countries and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) to become Signatories to the International Energy Charter. 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 **invited** the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the Governments of Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Togo Zambia and Zimbabwe to subscribe to the International Energy Charter. The Conference, furthermore, **invited** the Government of the Netherlands, as Depositary, to make appropriate arrangements for implementing this decision.

The Conference **encouraged** the Governments of Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Togo Zambia and Zimbabwe to proceed with the accession to the Energy Charter Treaty and **invited** the Secretariat to assist them in this respect.

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