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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: New Vice-Chair of the Conference

By document CC 566 dated 23 September 2016, delegations were invited to approve the appointment of Mr. Kazuo Kodama to replace Mr. Keiichi Katakami as Vice-Chair of the Conference. 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 12 October 2016.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, the Secretariat would like to inform delegations of the appointment of Mr. Kazuo Kodama as Vice-Chair of the Conference. The Secretariat would like to extend its congratulations to Mr. Kazuo Kodama.

Keywords: Appointment, Vice-Chair, Conference, Keiichi Katakami, Kazuo Kodama

Biography of Kazuo KODAMA

1. **Date of Birth:** June 11, 1953

2. **Education:**
 - 1976 Graduated from Tokyo University (B.A. in Law)
 - 1977 Entered St. Edmund Hall College, Oxford University
 - 1979 Graduated from Oxford University with B.A. (Honors) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (P.P.E.)
 - 1989 B.A. (P.P.E.) and M.A. (P.P.E.) formally conferred from Oxford University

3. **Career:**
 - 1975 Passed Higher Diplomatic Service Examination
 - 1976 Entered Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - 1979- Third, later Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the United Arab Emirates
 - 1981- Deputy Director, Economic Affairs Division, United Nations Bureau
 - 1983- Deputy Director, First Economic Cooperation Division, Economic Cooperation Bureau
 - 1984- Deputy Director, Loan Aid Division, Economic Cooperation Bureau
 - 1985- Principal Deputy Director, Overseas Public Relations Division, Public Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau
 - 1988- First Secretary, Energy and Commercial Section, Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom
 - 1991- Consul, Chief of Economic and Commercial Section, Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong
 - 1994- Director, Oceania Division, European and Oceanian Affairs Bureau
 - 1996- Director, International Press Division, Minister's Secretariat
 - 1996- Director, Press Division, Minister's Secretariat
 - 1998- Minister and Spokesperson, Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C., USA
 - 2001- Minister, Embassy of Japan in New Delhi, India
 - 2003- Deputy Director-General, Economic Cooperation Bureau and Deputy Director-General, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau
 - 2005- Deputy Director-General, Economic Cooperation Bureau and Assistant Inspector
 - 2006- Consul-General of Japan in Los Angeles

2008-	Press Secretary / Director-General for Press and Public Relations, Minister's Secretariat
2010-	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations
2013 March	Director-General, Foreign Service Training Institute
2013 September	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Japan to the OECD
2016 July	Appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the European Union

4. Family: Married with two children