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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Establishment and Terms of Reference of the Implementation Group

By document CC576 dated 11 October 2016 the Conference was invited to approve a draft conference decision (as supported by the Strategy Group) regarding the merge of several subsidiary groups into a single Implementation Group.

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 the proposal should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing not later than 31 October 2016. Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 31 October 2016 the Conference **approved** the above-mentioned decision with effect as of 25 November 2016:

*In order to have a more efficient working structure and methodology for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, and following the discussions at the Strategy Group, the Conference **decides** to merge the Investment Group, the Trade and Transit Group and the Energy Efficiency Group into a single Group to be called the Implementation Group. The Implementation Group shall consist of representatives of all Contracting Parties and Signatories to the Energy Charter Treaty and the Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA). Observers to the Energy Charter Conference may be invited to participate in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.*

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The Implementation Group shall:

- *Monitor and assist in the implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty and its related instruments and suggest recommendations on further steps to improve compliance.*
- *Facilitate the discussion on promoting and securing cross-border energy flows based on the principles and provisions of the ECT and related instruments, including the elaboration of pertinent agreements.*
- *Promote and facilitate the development of open, competitive and efficient markets and well-designed complementary policies and measures in order to remove potential obstacles to energy transit, sustainable energy investment, including energy efficiency, and access to energy.*
- *Facilitate the implementation and improvement of the investment protection under the ECT and related instruments.*
- *Report to the Charter Conference on progress of implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty and the PEEREA every year.*
- *Review and discuss accession reports to the ECT*

*Similarly, for efficiency sake, the Conference **confirms** the practice already established in 2015-2016 by which the discussions on the Programme of Work are held by the Budget Committee.*