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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Request of the Economic Cooperation Organisation, ECO, to become observer to the Energy Charter Conference

On 14 November 2016, the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) formally requested that it be granted observer status at the Energy Charter Conference.

The Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), is an intergovernmental regional organization established in 1985 by Iran, Pakistan and Turkey for the purpose of promoting economic, technical and cultural cooperation among the Member States. In 1992, the Organization was expanded to include seven new members, namely: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan. All the ten members of ECO are either members or observers to the Energy Charter Conference.

The Energy Charter Conference at its 27th Meeting held on 25th November 2016 **approved** the Observer status of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO).

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