DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: List of Chairmanships 2017-2019

The Energy Charter Conference at its 27th Meeting held on 25 November 2016 adopted the list of Contracting Parties who will hold the Chairmanship for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 as shown in document CC 578.

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The Annex shows the letter of expression of interest from Albania.

Keywords: Chairmanship, Energy Charter Conference, Turkmenistan, Romania, Albania
To H.E. Mr. Urban RUSNAK
Secretary General of the Energy Charter

Dear Mr. Rusnak,

The recent Conference in the Hague on May 20-21, 2015 when the International Energy Charter was adopted and signed has opened a new era in the modernization of the Energy Charter process and hopefully will contribute to the decision of an increased number of States to become Parties to the Energy Charter Treaty and its related legal instruments underlying the process.

Over the years, the Albanian authorities have followed closely the activities carried out within the Energy Charter process and endeavored to cooperate with the other partners for its furtherance. At the same time, there is a strong intention to contribute more to this process and increase Albania’s participation in the joint cooperative efforts. In this context, I am glad to inform you about Albania’s readiness to hold the Energy Charter Chairmanship in 2019.

Also we are pleased to invite you to pay a visit to Tirana, in an opportune moment, in order to discuss our future cooperation.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration. With best regards,

ILIR BEJTJA
DEPUTY MINISTER