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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Multi-annual commitment authorities and discharge of the Secretary General from his management and administrative responsibility in respect of the 2016 Budget

By document CC 597, dated 22 September 2017, delegations were invited to discharge the Secretary General from his management and administrative responsibility in respect of the 2016 Budget, in accordance with Article 32(4) of the Financial Rules.

In addition, in accordance with Articles 7 and 11 of the Financial Rules and after recommendation of the Budget Committee, the Conference was invited to approve the following multi-annual commitment authorities (as contained in document BC 297):

1. Prolongation of the multi-annual commitment authority of EUR 100.000 in respect of Budget items 1 'Salaries & Allowances' and 3 'Professional and Special Services', to cover contracts running into the following year;
2. Decrease of the multi-annual commitment authority to EUR 50.000 in respect of Budget item 6 'Operating Expenditure', to obtain the most advantageous market conditions for certain long-term operating expenditures.
3. Creation of a multi-annual commitment authority of EUR 100.000 in respect of Budget item 9 'IT Equipment & Software', to cover the renewal of the cloud based IT environment whose contract ends on 14 November 2017 (multi-year contract to be negotiated).
4. Creation of a multi-annual commitment authority of EUR 179.623 in respect of Budget Part II – EU4Energy, to cover contracts running up to the end of the project (20 June 2020).

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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 proposed discharge and multiannual commitment authorities was requested to notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by no later than 11 October 2017.

No objections were received within the specified time limit. Therefore, on 11 October 2017 the Conference **discharged** the Secretary General from his management and administrative responsibility in respect of the 2016 Budget and **approved** the proposed multiannual commitment authorities.