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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Adoption by Correspondence – Rules for the Calculation of the National Contributions of Acceding Countries and their Inclusion in the Budget**

By document CC 652, dated 19 September 2019, upon recommendation of the Budget Committee, the Conference was invited to approve the Rules for the calculation of the National Contributions of Acceding Countries and their inclusion in the Budget (attached). The Rules may be revised in 2020 based on the conclusions of the Review under Article 34(7) of the Energy Charter Treaty.

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 decision should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 8 October 2019.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 8 October 2019 the Conference approved with immediate effect the proposed Rules for the Calculation of the National Contribution of Acceding Countries and their inclusion in the Budget.

***Rules for the calculation of  
the National Contributions of Acceding Countries  
and their inclusion in the Budget***

- a) *The date from which an acceding country shall pay its contribution to the budget of the Energy Charter Secretariat shall be the date of entry into force of the Energy Charter Treaty for that country.*
- b) *The amount of the contribution to be paid for the year of accession shall be calculated pro-rata from the date referred to in paragraph a) applied to the contribution due if the country would have been a Contracting Party at the beginning of the financial year, and without impacting the contributions of other Contracting Parties.*
- c) *The amount of the contribution of the new Contracting Party, its inclusion and use in the budget, shall be decided on a case by case basis by the Energy Charter Conference after consideration and recommendation by the Budget Committee.*