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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

**Adoption by correspondence - Extension of the implementation period of the
EU4Energy Programme**

In June 2016, the Energy Charter Conference authorised (CCDEC2016 06) the Secretary General to accept a voluntary contribution of max. Euro 1,050,000 from the European Commission in connection to a grant contract entered into between the European Commission (Contracting Authority) and the Energy Charter Secretariat and the Energy Community Secretariat (co-beneficiaries) for the Implementation of EU4Energy programme Component 3.

In April 2017, the Energy Charter Conference approved (CCDEC2017 01) the acceptance of an additional amount of the voluntary contribution from the European Commission and authorised the Secretary General to sign a direct grant contract with the European Commission (Contracting Authority) up to the maximum amount of. Euro 1,237,000 during the following 3.5 years.

In August 2017, the Secretary General signed grant contract ENI/2017/388-297 for the implementation of EU4Energy Component 3 over the period 1 May 2017 - 24 June 2020. The maximum financial contribution of the European Commission was set at 1,122,637 Euro.

On 31 January 2020, the Energy Charter Secretariat requested to the European Commission (Contracting Authority) to extend the project implementation period until December 2020 through a contract amendment without any additional financial contribution from the Commission. The Secretariat has been informed that similar contract extensions have been already signed by the other two implementing partners of the EU4Energy for their respective components (IEA and the Energy Community Secretariat).

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By document CC 673 (dated 11 February 2020 and revised on 13 February 2020), delegations were invited to approve the extension of the EU4Energy implementation period as requested by the Secretary General. As specified by Rule 19(b) 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 should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 1 March 2020.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 1 March 2020 the extension of the EU4Energy Implementation period until December 2020 was **approved** with immediate effect.