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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Governance Issues

By document CC 675 dated 26 June 2020, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to approve the draft Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Governance Issues. 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 proposal should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing not later than 16 July 2020.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 16 July 2020 the Conference **approved** the attached Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Governance Issues with immediate effect.

WORKING GROUP ON GOVERNANCE ISSUES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Working Group on Governance Issues shall consist of representatives of all Contracting Parties and Signatories to the Energy Charter Treaty.

The Conference mandates the Working Group on Governance Issues to:

- i. Address the structure of the Secretariat taking into account inter alia on the organigram as recommended by the International Public Audit.*
- ii. Carry out the necessary revisions to the Rules of Procedure for the Conference, including Staff Rules, Code of Conduct etc.*
- iii. Implement the Independent Public Audit's recommendations under its competence.*
- iv. Assess all other issues not covered by report of the Independent Public Audit in line with the ToR.*
- v. Assess any other particular governance related issue.*

The Group will Report to the Conference on progress of implementation of its specific assignments.

The Group will take the role of coordinator related to the implementation of the conclusions of the 2019 Review and other related issues covering governance. It should ensure coherence and consistency on the deliverables.

The initial term is until the 32nd meeting of the Energy Charter Conference in 2021, after which the Conference should assess its work and role.