Subject: Designation of Officers of the Conference and its Subsidiary Bodies for 2021

1. The Energy Charter Conference at its 31st Meeting held on 16-17 December 2020 approved the designation of the following officers for 2021:

   Conference Chair: Mr. Suren Papikyan (Armenia)
   Conference Vice-Chair: Mr. Hakob Vardanyan (Armenia)
   Conference Vice-Chair: Mr. Samir Valiyev (Azerbaijan)
   Conference Vice-Chair: Mr. Bayarmagnai Myagmarsuren (Mongolia)
   Chair of the Strategy Group: Mr. Samir Abdurahimov (Azerbaijan)
   Vice-Chair of the Strategy Group: vacant
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   Chair of the Modernisation Group: Mr. Lukas Stifter (Austria)
   Vice-Chair of the Modernisation Group: Mr. Sunao Orii (Japan)
   Vice-Chair of the Modernisation Group: Mr. Guy Lentz (Luxembourg)
   Vice-Chair of the Modernisation Group: Mr. Samir Abdurahimov (Azerbaijan)
   Vice-Chair of the Modernisation Group: Mr. Felix Imhof (Switzerland)
   Chair of the Working Group on Governance Issues: Ms. Klara Rakhmetova (Kazakhstan)

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Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Governance Issues  Mr. Guy Lentz (Luxembourg)
Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Governance Issues  Mr. Towfick Sufian (Yemen)
Chair of the Implementation Group  Ms. Klara Rakhmetova (Kazakhstan)
Vice-Chair of the Implementation Group  Mr. Johan Vetlesen (Norway)
Vice-Chair of the Implementation Group  Mr. Aziz Khamidov (Uzbekistan)
Chair of the Budget Committee  Mr. Christian Bühlmann (Switzerland)
Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee  vacant
Chair of the Legal Advisory Committee  decided *ad hoc* by its members

2. At the request of the Chair or Vice Chair of a subsidiary body of the Conference, his or her travel costs including (i) flight in economy and (ii) daily subsistence allowance (based on the DSA for Brussels used by the coordinated organizations) will be reimbursed from the budget item “invited experts” when the following conditions are both met: (i) he or she chairs the meeting to which he/she is travelling; and (ii) he or she requests one week in advance the secretariat to cover his/her travel costs.