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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Applicability of the Staff Manual to Deputy Secretary-General**

By CC 708 dated 9 April 2021, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to confirm that the Staff Manual of the Energy Charter Secretariat applies to the Deputy Secretary-General.

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 not in a position to approve the above decision should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by no later than 28 April 2021.

Within the specified time limit, the European Union and Japan stated that they considered that document CC708 invited the Conference to make two decisions and had an objection regarding applicability of the Secretariat's Staff Manual to the Deputy Secretary-General.

Therefore, upon suggestion of the European Union and Japan supported by the Chairmanship, the issue of applicability of the Staff Manual to Deputy Secretary General will be addressed at the relevant subsidiary body.

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