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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by Correspondence – Discharge of the Secretary General from his Management and Administrative Responsibility in Respect of the 2020 Budget

By document CC 731 dated 21 September 2020, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to discharge the Secretary General from his management and administrative responsibility in respect of the 2020 Budget, in accordance with Article 32(4) of the Financial Rules. In the opinion of the Auditors, and taking into account their qualified opinion, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 give a true and fair view of the Energy Charter Secretariat's financial position and of its Income and Expenditure for the year then ended, in accordance with the Financial Rules and their Implementing Instructions and with the Accounting Policies. In accordance with the Terms of Reference governing the external auditor dated 21 March 2021, and in addition to the audit procedures foreseen by the International Standards on Auditing (ISA), the Auditor also carried out specific procedures aiming at gathering sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to report on whether the Secretariat's financial management and administration are carried out on a sound, economical and efficient basis as defined by the Financial Rules and Implementing Instructions of the Secretariat.

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 to the proposed discharge should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 10 October 2021.

No objections were received within the specified time limit. Therefore, on 10 October 2021 the Conference, taking into account the Financial Statements for the year 2020 and the Auditor's Report, on the recommendation of the Budget Committee, **discharged** the Secretary General from his management and administrative responsibility in respect to the 2020 Budget, in accordance with Article 32(4) of the Financial Rules, with immediate effect.