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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Updated Terms of Reference of the Strategy Group

By document CC 739 dated 18 February 2022, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to approve the revised Terms of Reference of the Strategy Group (attached). 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 revised Terms of Reference of the Strategy Group should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by no later than 10 March 2022.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 10 March 2022, the Conference **approved** the revised Terms of Reference of the Strategy Group with immediate effect.

Revised Terms of Reference for and Membership in the Energy Charter Strategy Group

A. Terms of Reference

Under the general authority of the Conference, the tasks of the Energy Charter Strategy Group are:

1. To foster the acceptance, implementation, efficiency and effectiveness of the Energy Charter Treaty and the development of the entire Energy Charter Process.
2. To participate in the process of consultations over possible enhanced legal frameworks for energy cooperation, taking also into account other proposals on future cooperation in the energy field in order to ensure energy security, to facilitate the clean energy transition and to mobilise clean energy investment to achieve the Paris Agreement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
3. To assess accession requests and to ensure full oversight of the accession process in coordination with the implementation group that should provide the accession reports;
4. To advise the Conference on strategic policy directions, to discuss horizontal issues, new challenges to the energy sector and to encourage synergies among existing subsidiary bodies of the Energy Charter, while giving broad orientations on the Secretariat's Programme of Work;
5. To advise the Conference on the follow-up to the Reviews under Article 34(7) Energy Charter Treaty;
6. To report to the Energy Charter Conference on the fulfilment of its tasks.

B. Membership

Contracting Parties and Signatories of the Energy Charter Treaty are considered members of the Strategy Group. The Conference invites all observers to the Energy Charter Conference to participate in the relevant discussions of the Strategy Group. Contracting Parties and Signatories shall make a collective decision on the invitation of observers prior to a meeting.