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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Energy Charter Conference

Following the conclusions of the Management Committee (Message 1952) and the recommendation by the Working Group on Governance Issues, by document CC 742 dated 17 May 2022, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to approve the following amendment (in red below) to Rule 7 A of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference:

III. OBSERVERS

Rule 7

A. General rules

(...)

- (e) The Conference may, by consensus, suspend or withdraw the Observer status of a country or international organisation in case of
- a persistent or serious breach of the principles of the European Energy Charter or the International Energy Charter, whichever was signed by that country or international organisation, or
 - persistent failure to comply with financial obligations it may have towards the International Energy Charter.

If consensus cannot be reached, the decision of the Conference under this subparagraph shall be taken by a three-fourths majority of the Contracting Parties Present and Voting at the meeting of the Conference, as far as they represent a simple majority of the Contracting Parties.

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 approval of the above amendment should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 5 June 2022. Following the request of one delegation and upon consultation with the Chair, this deadline was extended until 8 June 2022.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 8 June 2022, the Conference **approved**, with immediate effect, the above mentioned amendment to Rule 7 A of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.