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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Establishment of the International Energy Charter Foundations Partnership Network

Following the recommendation of the Working Group on Governance Issues, by document CC 758, dated 20 September 2022, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to

- establish the Foundations Partnership Network (FPN); and
- approve FPN's terms of reference (as attached).

As specified by Rule 20(b) (as amended) 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 this decision should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 10 October 2022.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 10 October 2022, the Energy Charter Conference **established** the FPN and **approved** its terms of reference (as attached) with immediate effect.

Keywords: Foundations Partnership Network

Terms of Reference (ToR)

International Energy Charter Foundations Partnership Network

Establishment

1. The Foundations Partnership Network (FPN) was established by the decision of the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) on 10 October 2022 (document CCDEC 2022 18).

Definition

2. The FPN is a new supporting body of the Conference. The FPN is a platform bringing organisations together to promote cooperation in the energy field in accordance with the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT).

Purpose

3. The purpose of the FPN is to strengthen the analytical and research capacities and enhance the relevant expertise of the Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) in the areas of energy investment (renewable energy production, transmission and storage, energy efficiency, carbon dioxide reduction and capture, green financing, and others at the forefront of the clean energy transition), transit and energy efficiency. The FPN will support the effective implementation of the modernised ECT in the mentioned areas.

Membership and fees (voluntary contributions)

4. The membership of the FPN is subject to approval by the Conference and open to foundations, funds, and other non-profit/ charitable trusts and organisations actively supporting clean energy transition, green growth, and circular economy processes.
5. The number of FPN members shall be unlimited.
6. The FPN membership will be valid for an indefinite time unless the actions of a member become incompatible with the principles and objectives of the ECT, the 1991 European Energy Charter or the 2015 International Energy Charter. The members of the FPN may withdraw their membership at any time by submitting an official communication to the ECS.
7. The FPN members will pay a membership fee that will be exclusively utilised to cover the expenses related to preparing relevant analytical and research documents by the ECS. The proposed annual membership fee is EUR 10,000 and is due on 31 January of each year. In case of withdrawal of membership, the fee of the year in which the withdrawal takes place will not be returned.

Responsibilities

8. The FPN members will be called to allocate additional funding for implementing small- and medium-scale projects as contained in the programme of work for Budget Part II (Section C, other and extra programmes) to be approved by the Conference after the recommendation of the Budget Committee. These projects will be aimed at supporting Members and Observers of the Conference in reducing energy

dependency and intensity, ensuring smooth clean energy transition and creating conditions for developing efficient and low-carbon economies.

Terms of Reference

9. The Conference may review the ToR as needed and approve the revised version.

Structure and Management

10. Each member should nominate one representative and may nominate one alternate representative. The document on the FPN composition shall include the names and positions of the representatives and their alternates.
11. The Delegations may suggest candidates for the FPN membership. The ECS may make proposals to ensure a balanced geographical and sectoral representation. The Conference will authorise the composition of the FPN. In the absence of a consensus, the decision shall be taken by a simple majority of Contracting Parties present and voting.
12. The FPN may elect a Chair and other officers and organise its activities in accordance with this ToR. The FPN may establish a steering committee to assess the progress and the outcomes of the FPN-funded projects implemented by the ECS. The ECS shall assist the FPN in the organisation of its work. The Secretariat should prepare FPN meetings, draft FPN communications and statements, promote FPN membership and liaise with members and candidates.

Programme of Work

13. The list of activities and joint actions within the FPN framework shall be discussed at the Budget Committee before its inclusion in Part II of the Budget and the Programme of Work.
14. The FPN may request the Conference or its Subsidiary Bodies to consider issues falling within its purpose through a formal communication. The Conference and its Subsidiary Bodies may consider such suggestions.

Working Methods

15. The FPN will interact with the Conference through the ECS.
16. The FPN commits to meet at least one time per year, either physically or via video conference, to discuss the outcomes of the FPN-funded projects implemented by the ECS, and address ongoing issues. All FPN members are expected to attend meetings. If the designated representative is unable to attend the meeting, the alternate representative shall replace him or her and participate in the meeting.