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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Amendments to the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects**

Pursuant to Article 17(1) of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA), on 30 October 2024, the Energy Charter Secretariat (Secretariat) communicated to the PEEREA's Contracting Parties the amendments, together with associated understandings and decisions, proposed by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Chairmanship of the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) 2024 and a Contracting Party to the PEEREA, as Message 2188/24.

Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, following consultation with the Management Committee, the Contracting Parties to the PEEREA were invited to adopt the proposed amendments, together with associated understandings and decisions, communicated by the Secretariat on 30 October 2024, by correspondence.

Any Contracting Party to the PEEREA not in a position to adopt the proposed amendments, together with associated understandings and decisions, was requested to notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by no later than 30 January 2025.

No notifications were received within the specified time limit. As a result, the amendments and associated understandings and decisions, as attached hereto, were adopted on 30 January 2025.

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# **AMENDMENTS TO THE ENERGY CHARTER PROTOCOL ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS**

The Contracting Parties to the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects,

Taking note of the withdrawal of the Portuguese Republic as a Contracting Party to the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects effective on 2 February 2025,

Having regard to the notification of the Portuguese Republic of 7 March 2024 that the Government of the Portuguese Republic shall no longer perform the functions of the Depositary under Article 49 of the Energy Charter Treaty after its withdrawal takes effect,

have agreed as follows:

## **Article 1**

### **Amendments**

The Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects, as contained in Annex 3 to the Final Act of the European Energy Charter Conference, shall be amended as follows:

- (1) Article 21 of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects shall be amended as follows: replace "The Government of the Portuguese Republic" with "The Secretariat".
- (2) Article 22 of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects shall be amended as follows: delete "Italian,".

## **Article 2**

### **Understandings**

The Contracting Parties to the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects adopt the following understanding with respect to Article 21:

"The "Secretariat" in Article 21 of this Protocol shall mean the Secretariat established under Article 35 of the Energy Charter Treaty. For the avoidance of doubt, all references to the "Depositary" in this Protocol shall mean the Secretariat established under Article 35 of the Energy Charter Treaty in the capacity of the Depositary of this Protocol."

## **Article 3**

### **Interim Provisions**

- (1) Pending the entry into force of the amendments to the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects adopted on 30 January 2025 for any Contracting Party, the Secretariat shall carry out the functions of the Depositary of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects on an interim basis for each such Contracting Party as of 2 February 2025.
- (2) The Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to ensure the transition of the Depositary functions from the Government of the Portuguese Republic and assume these functions on an interim basis pursuant to paragraph (1) on 2 February 2025.