ENERGY CHARTER SECRETARIAT

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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Revised Budget 2024

By document CC 841, dated 1 July 2025, the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) was invited to approve the Revised Budget 2024.

As specified in Rule 20(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, the Contracting Parties were informed that any delegation not in a position to approve the above decision should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by no later than 21 July 2025.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 21 July 2025, the Conference approved, with immediate effect, the Revised Budget 2024, as attached hereto.

The present corrigendum was issued after the initial publication of the document to correct the date of the document that had been published initially.

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REVISED BUDGET 2024

1. On 20 November 2023, the Energy Charter Conference ("Conference") approved the Energy Charter Secretariat's ("Secretariat") budget for the biennium 2024-2025 (see CCDEC2023 14 - BUD). Thereafter, on 24 October 2024, the Conference approved amendments to the budget for 2024-2025 through its decision CCDEC 2024 08 - BUD.

2. The approved budget for 2024 includes, on pages 13-17, a table of annual contributions to finance Budget Part I, with a statement on page 13 preceding such table providing as follows:

> The calculation of national contributions is based on the United Nations scale of assessments valid for years 2022-2024 ***on a 0% increase of the absolute Euro amount of the contributions of each individual country compared to 2023*** and in accordance with the Financial Rules as well as the continuation of application of the "rule of 22%" (emphasis added in bold and italics).

3. During the course of the finalisation of the 2024 Financial Statements in preparation for the audit by the external auditor, the Secretariat identified that the table of annual contributions in the approved budget for 2024 had not, in fact, reflected a "0% increase in the absolute Euro amount of contributions from each individual country compared to 2023," notwithstanding the statement referred to in paragraph 2 above. This has resulted in some Contracting Parties and signatories having contributed or being invoiced in excess of the due amount, ranging from one euro to a few hundred Euros (only in one case over two thousand Euros).

4. In order to rectify the foregoing, this document introduces the corrected table for annual contributions (Table 2, pages 7-9) and proposes the way forward, including the means to handle overpayments received by the Secretariat from some Contracting Parties.

5. The following measures are proposed to be taken:

   a. *With respect to the Contracting Parties and signatories who have yet to pay the 2024 contribution, revised invoices with the correct amount will be sent.*

   b. *With respect to the Contracting Parties who have paid the 2024 contribution, any excess amount paid will be adjusted against the annual contributions payable for 2026 by such Contracting Parties' Budget 2026 contributions and reflected in their invoices for 2026.*

   c. *With respect to Contracting Parties who have paid the 2024 contribution and whose withdrawal from the Energy Charter Treaty became or becomes effective in 2024 or 2025, credit notes will be issued accordingly, and the corresponding refund will be processed.*

6. Similarly, the Secretariat has identified that the calculations related to legal claims were not aligned with the estimates for 2023 and 2024. In order to address this, the Secretariat proposes a revision to the 2024 budget to allow for the reallocation of unused funds to sub-item 8.2, "ILOAT costs" on page 7 hereof.

7. The Secretariat also proposes revising the 2024 budget to reconcile the allocations made under item 7, "Capital Expenditure" with the actual expenditure incurred under this item on page 7 hereof.

8. For convenience, all revisions to the Budget 2024 are shown in colour in the table below.

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Table 1 - Revised Budget Part I for 2024

All amounts in EUR

Income	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
National Contributions[1]	*2 212 946*	*2 207 672*
Total Income	***2 212 946***	***2 207 672***

Planned use of resources	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
1 Salaries and Allowances	*968 848*	*843 849*
2 Benefits and Grants	*358 522*	*158 748*
3 Removals, Travel and Missions	*100 000*	*40 000*
4 Meetings and Events	*211 500*	*124 000*
5 Representation	*2 000*	*2 000*
6 Operating Expenditure	*419 500*	*419 500*
7 Capital Expenditure	*30 000*	*92 500*
8 Miscellaneous	*122 575*	*527 075*
Total planned use of resources	***2 212 946***	***2 207 672***

All items are detailed, below.

1 Salaries and Allowances

All figures in Euros

Salaries and Allowances	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
1.1 Salaries	***756 031***	***656 031***
1.1.1 Established Officials	*520 413*	*420 413*
1.1.2 Temporary Officials	*235 618*	*235 618*
1.2 Allowances	***212 818***	***187 818***
1.2.1 Established Officials	*144 415*	*144 415*
1.2.2 Temporary Officials	*38 403*	*38 403*
1.2.3 Secondments	*30 000*	*5 000*
1.2.4 Internships	*0*	*0*
1.2.5 Fellowships	*0*	*0*
Subtotal Salaries and Allowances	***968 848***	***843 849***

[1] See Table 2 for the detailed list of national contributions

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2 Benefits and Grants

All figures in Euros

Benefits and Grants	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
Insurance (incl. bss)	*121 599*	*21 824*
Terminal Allowances	*236 924*	*136 924*
Promotions	*0*	*0*
Other	*0*	*0*
Subtotal Benefits and Grants	***358 522***	***158 747***

3 Removals, Travel and Missions

All figures in Euros

3 Removals, Travel and Missions	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
3.1 Removals	***50 000***	***20 000***
3.2 Missions	***50 000***	***20 000***
3.2.1 Travel Expenses		
3.2.2 Allowances		
3.3 Other travel	***0***	***0***
3.3.1 Travel Expenses		
3.3.2 Allowances		
Total Removals, Travel and Missions	***100 000***	***40 000***

4 Meetings and Events

All figures in Euros

4 Meetings and Events	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
4.1 Energy Charter Conference	***155 000***	*85 000*
4.1.1 Premises	*35 000*	*20 000*
4.1.2 Catering	*35 000*	*20 000*
4.1.3 Speakers, Chairs and Vice Chairs	*35 000*	*10 000*
4.1.3.1 Travel expenses		
4.1.3.2 Allowances		
4.1.4 Invited Experts	*20 000*	*10 000*
4.1.4.1 Travel Expenses		

4.1.4.2 Allowances		
4.1.5 Other	*30 000*	*25 000*
4.2 Subsidiary Bodies Meetings	***1 500***	***1 500***
4.2.1 Premises	*0*	*0*
4.2.2 Catering		*0*
4.2.3 Speakers, Chairs and Vice	*0*	*0*
4.2.3.1 Travel expenses		
4.2.3.2 Allowances		
4.2.4 Invited Experts	*0*	*0*
4.2.4.1 Travel Expenses		
4.2.4.2 Allowances		
4.2.5 Other	*1 500*	*1 500*
4.3 Translations and Interpretations	***50 000***	***32 500***
4.4 Other Meetings and Events	***5 000***	***5 000***
4.4.1 Premises		
4.4.2 Catering		
4.4.3 Speakers, chairs and vice-chairs		
4.4.3.1 Travel expenses		
4.4.3.2 Allowances		
4.4.4 Other		
Total Meetings and Events	***211 500***	***124 000***

5 Representation

All figures in Euros

5 Representation	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***
5.1 Translations and Interpretations	*0*	*0*
5.2 Other Meetings and Events	*2 000*	*2 000*
Subtotal Representation	***2 000***	***2 000***

6 Operating Expenditure

All figures in Euros

6 Operating Expenditure	***Approved Budget 2024***	***Revised Budget 2024***

6.1 Office Space	***250 000***	***250 000***
6.1.1 Office Space Rental		
6.1.2 Office Space Charges, Taxes		
6.2 Communications	***30 000***	***30 000***
6.2.1 Postage and Courier		
6.2.2 Telephone		
6.2.3 Internet Services		
6.2.4 Other		
6.3 Office Supplies	***5 000***	***5 000***
6.4 Library	***5 000***	***5 000***
6.5 Publications	***5 000***	***5 000***
6.6 Consultants	***80 000***	***80 000***
6.6.1 Consultancy Fees		
6.6.2 Travel Expenses		
6.6.3 Other		
6.7 External Auditors	***22 000***	***22 000***
6.8 Fees to Int. Organisations	***9 000***	***9 000***
6.9 Subscription to specific Services	***3 500***	***3 500***
6.10 Financial Services	***10 000***	***10 000***
6.11 Other	***0***	***0***
Total Operating Expenditure	***419 500***	***419 500***

7 Capital Expenditure

All figures in Euros

7 Capital Expenditure	*Approved Budget 2024*	*Revised Budget 2024*
7.1 Furniture	*0*	*2 500*
7.2 IT Equipment and Software	*30 000*	*62 500*
7.3 Other	*0*	*27 500*
Subtotal Capital Expenditure	***30 000***	***92 500***

8 Miscellaneous

All figures in Euros

8 Miscellaneous	*Approved Budget 2024*	*Revised Budget 2024*
8.1 Unforeseen Activities	*0*	*0*
8.2 ILOAT costs	*121 000*	*525 500*
8.3 Other	*1 575*	*1 575*
Subtotal Miscellaneous	***122 575***	***527 075***

National Contributions to finance Budget Part I

Table 2 - The updated National Contributions for 2024

All amounts in Euro

Country	***2023 (CCDEC202219)***	***2024 (CCDEC202408)***	***2024 revised***
Afghanistan	*610*	*611*	*610*
Albania	*813*	*815*	*813*
Armenia	*712*	*713*	*712*
Austria	*69 026*	*69 149*	*69 026*
Azerbaijan	*3 050*	*3 055*	*3 050*
Belarus	*0*	*0*	*0*
Belgium	*84 173*	*84 323*	*84 173*
Bosnia & Herzegovina	*1 220*	*1 222*	*1 220*
Bulgaria	*5 693*	*5 703*	*5 693*
Croatia	*9 251*	*9 267*	*9 251*

Cyprus	*3 660*	*3 666*	*3 660*
Czech Republic	*34 564*	*34 625*	*34 564*
Denmark	*56 217*	*56 317*	*56 217*
Estonia	*4 473*	*4 481*	*4 473*
Finland	*42 392*	*42 467*	*42 392*
France	*438 962*	*0*	*0*
Georgia	*813*	*815*	*813*
Germany	*621 237*	*0*	*0*
Greece	*33 039*	*33 098*	*33 039*
Hungary	*23 178*	*23 219*	*23 178*
Iceland	*3 660*	*3 666*	*3 660*
Ireland	*44 628*	*44 708*	*44 628*
Japan	*816 625*	*487 905*	*485 688*
Jordan	*2 236*	*2 240*	*2 236*
Kazakhstan	*13 521*	*13 545*	*13 521*
Kyrgyzstan	*203*	*204*	*203*
Latvia	*5 083*	*5 092*	*5 083*
Liechtenstein	*1 017*	*1 018*	*1 017*
Lithuania	*7 828*	*7 842*	*7 828*
Luxembourg	*6 913*	*3 463*	*3 457**
Malta	*1 932*	*1 935*	*1 932*
Moldova	*508*	*509*	*508*
Mongolia	*407*	*407*	*407*
Montenegro	*407*	*407*	*407*
Netherlands	*139 984*	*140 233*	*139 984*
North Macedonia	*712*	*713*	*712*
Norway	*69 026*	*69 149*	*69 026*
Poland	*85 088*	*0*	*0*
Portugal	*35 886*	*35 949*	*35 886*
Romania	*31 718*	*31 774*	*31 718*
Slovak Republic	*15 757*	*15 785*	*15 757*

Slovenia	*8 031*	*6 704*	*6 693**
Spain	*216 940*	*217 325*	*216 940*
Sweden	*88 545*	*88 702*	*88 545*
Switzerland	*115 281*	*115 486*	*115 281*
Tajikistan	*305*	*306*	*305*
Türkiye	*85 902*	*86 054*	*85 902*
Turkmenistan	*3 456*	*3 463*	*3 456*
Ukraine	*5 693*	*5 703*	*5 693*
United Kingdom	*444 757*	*445 548*	*444 757*
Uzbekistan	*2 745*	*2 750*	*2 745*
Yemen	*813*	*815*	*813*
Total Contributions	***3 688 690***	***2 212 946***	*2 207 672*

* Based on the end of the month when the effective date of the Contracting Party's withdrawal or its termination of the provisional application of the ECT, as the case may be, pursuant to Article 45(3)(a) took place.