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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence – Revised Programme of Work 2025

By document CC 843, dated 1 July 2025, the Energy Charter Conference (Conference) was invited to approve the the Revised Programme of Work 2025.

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 Programme of Work 2025, 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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INTRODUCTORY NOTE ON REVISIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2025

1. On 20 November 2023, the Energy Charter Conference ("Conference") approved the Secretariat's Programme of Work for the biennium 2024-2025 (see CCDEC2023 15 WPR). Thereafter, on 17 December 2024, the Conference approved amendments to the Programme of Work 2024-2025 ("PoW") through its decision CCDEC 2024 27 WPR.

2. This document ("Revised PoW 2025") introduces further revisions to the Secretariat's PoW for 2025 to implement the revised structure of the Secretariat proposed in BC 470 and the revised budget proposed for 2025 in BC 468, bearing in mind the requirement of Article 35(1) of the Energy Charter Treaty ("ECT") that in carrying out its duties, the Conference shall have a Secretariat comprising such staff as is the minimum consistent with efficient performance.

3. Summary of the main changes introduced through this Revised PoW 2025:

3.1 **Revisions to the estimated use of human resources per position and activity**

3.1.1. As per Article 35(1) of the ECT, the Conference shall have a Secretariat comprising such staff as is the minimum consistent with efficient performance. However, given the substantial reduction in the Secretariat's budget, its human resources are significantly below the minimum required for efficient performance.

3.1.2. To meet its most pressing operations, the Secretariat has increased the share of human resources allocated to administrative and management activities from 30% to 75% compared to 2024. At the same time, the allocation of the required posts to programmatic activities is insufficient and currently at the minimum possible (down from 70% to 25%).

3.1.3. The total financial resources of the Secretariat dedicated to administrative and management activities have increased from 30% to 70.3% (from EUR 927 608 to 1 154 056) compared to 2024, while the financial resources allocated to programmes have been reduced from 59% to 25.5% (from EUR 1 382 877 to EUR 418 082).

3.1.4. The activities allocated to the Secretary-General have been removed from the estimated human resources, as the position is currently vacant and is intended to remain so for the remainder of 2025, as stated in BC 470 and BC 468. The Deputy Secretary-General covers the position of the Secretary-General in the capacity of Acting Secretary-General.

3.1.5. The position of General Counsel remained vacant in 2024, and as a result, no activities were allocated to this post. However, given the increased need for substantive legal and procedural support in implementing the ECT and the related instruments, including the decision of the Conference on the ECT's modernisation, support for the ratification process of the amendments to the ECT, and the assignment of the Depositary functions of the ECT and the Energy

Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects ("PEEREA") to the Secretariat, it is proposed that the position of General Counsel be filled in 2025 and activities allocated to this position, as stated below and in BC 470.

3.2 **Inclusion of a new Programme A4 "Depository"**

3.2.1 Activity A4 is proposed in light of CCDEC 2024 12 GEN amending Article 49 of the ECT to designate the Secretariat as the Depositary of the ECT as well as CCDEC 2024 16 GEN mandating the Secretariat to carry out the functions of the Depositary of the ECT on an interim basis as of 2 February 2025 pending the entry into force of the amendments. Given that the Depository functions require distinctive and substantial support that cannot be integrated into other activities, the Secretariat proposes this as a separate activity with dedicated human resources.

3.3 **Removal of Activity B4 "Promotion and Cooperation"**

3.3.1 It is proposed to remove Programme B4 "Promotion and Cooperation" from the PoW for 2025. The work under this activity will be integrated into other programmes dedicated to Part II, III, IV and V of the ECT (Sub-activities B21, 22, 23 and 24) as well as Activity A1 "Support to the Conference and its subsidiary and consultative bodies". This will ensure that all promotion and cooperation tasks are directly linked to the ECT's objectives and provisions.

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HUMAN RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED PROGRAMME OF WORK 2025

Table 1a
Estimated use of human resources per position and activity[1]

	Posts	*A1*	*A2*	*A3*	*A4*	*B1*	*B21*	*B22*	*B23*	*B24*	*B3*
Secretary General's Office	**1**	**0.05**	**0.35**		**0.20**	**0.20**			**0.20**		
Secretary-General											
General Counsel	1	0.05	0.35		0.20	0.20			0.20		
Deputy Secretary General's Office	**5**	**0.75**	**0.10**	**2.85**	**0.20**	**0.10**	**0.25**	**0.30**	**0.05**	**0.30**	**0.10**
Deputy Secretary General	1	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Head of Unit for Implementation and External Activities	1	0.20		0.05			0.20	0.25		0.25	0.05
Programme Officer 1											
Programme Officer 2											
Programme Officer 3											
Head of Unit for Administration	1	0.10		0.85	0.05						
Finance Officer	1	0.10		0.90							
Administrative Officer	1	0.10		0.80	0.10						
Total	**6**	**0.8**	**0.45**	**2.85**	**0.40**	**0.30**	**0.25**	**0.30**	**0.25**	**0.30**	**0.10**

Establishment Table (green) and Temporary Officials (orange)

[1] The estimated use of human resources per activity has been calculated taking into account the structure of the Secretariat as stipulated in BC 468 and BC 470.

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Table 1b
Summary of the estimated use of human resources per activity

Activities	*Posts Estab. Off.*	*Posts Temp. Off.*	*Total Posts*	*%*
A Administration and Management	**0.65**	**3.85**	**4.50**	**75.0%**
A1 Support to the Conference and its subsidiary and consultative bodies	0.25	0.55	0.80	13.3%
A2 Legal Support	0.10	0.35	0.45	7.5%
A3 Financial and Administrative Support	0.25	2.60	2.85	47.5%
A4 Depository	0.05	0.35	0.40	6.7%
B Programmes	**0.35**	**1.15**	**1.50**	**25.0%**
B1 Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty	0.10	0.20	0.30	5.0%
B2 Implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty	0.20	0.90	1.10	18.3%
B21 Implementation – Transit	0.05	0.20	0.25	4.2%
B22 Implementation – Investment	0.05	0.25	0.30	5.0%
B23 Implementation – Dispute Settlement	0.05	0.20	0.25	4.2%
B24 Implementation – Energy Efficiency	0.05	0.25	0.30	5.0%
B3 Consolidation, Expansion and Outreach	0.05	0.05	0.10	1.7%
Total	**1**	**5**	**6**	**100%**

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED PROGRAMME OF WORK 2025

Table 2a
Estimated use of financial resources for the Revised Programme of Work 2025

All amounts in EUR

Activities	*Posts Estab. Off.*	*Posts Temp. Off.*	*Total Posts*	*%*	*Total Estimated costs EUR*	*Total Estimated costs %*
A Administration and Management	**0.65**	**3.85**	**4.50**	**75.0%**	**1 154 056**	**70.3%**
A1 Support to the Conference and its subsidiary and consultative bodies	0.25	0.55	0.80	13.3%	238 841	14.5%
A2 Legal Support	0.10	0.35	0.45	7.5%	124 172	7.6%
A3 Financial and Administrative Support	0.25	2.60	2.85	47.5%	690 408	42.0%
A4 Depository	0.05	0.35	0.40	6.7%	100 635	6.1%
B Programmes	**0.35**	**1.15**	**1.50**	**25.0%**	418 082	25.5%
B1 Modernisation of the Energy Charter Treaty	0.10	0.20	0.30	5.0%	91 131	5.5%
B2 Implementation of the Energy Charter Treaty	0.20	0.90	1.10	18.3%	292 400	17.8%
B21 Implementation – Transit	0.05	0.20	0.25	4.2%	67 593	4.1%
B22 Implementation – Investment	0.05	0.25	0.30	5.0%	78 607	4.8%
B23 Implementation – Dispute Settlement	0.05	0.20	0.25	4.2%	67 593	4.1%
B24 Implementation – Energy Efficiency	0.05	0.25	0.30	5.0%	78 607	4.8%
B3 Consolidation, expansion and outreach	0.05	0.05	0.10	1.7%	34 552	2.1%
Provision for ILOAT					70 000	4.3%[2]
Total	**1**	**5**	**6**	**100%**	**1 642 138**	**100%**

[2] 4.3% of the Secretariat's financial resources, equivalent to EUR 70,000, have been allocated to cover expenses related to the procedures of the Administrative Tribunal of the International Labour Organization (ILOAT) and the Secretariat's liability arising from an unanticipated adverse decision by the ILOAT in 2025. As a result, the amount of EUR 70 000 has not been calculated towards the financial resources utilised for implementing the PoW in 2025.

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BUDGET PART I

Budget Part I includes expenses financed by annual contributions and other resources available for general use in accordance with Article 8(1) of the Financial Rules.

In accordance with Instruction 8(b) of the Implementing Instructions to the Financial Rules[3] ("Implementing Instructions"), in 2025, the Secretariat intends to draw 10% of the total value of the General Reserve Fund as of the end of 31 December 2023 (see CCDEC2024 09 – BUD for the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023) to allow for flexibility in implementing Budget Part I, as reflected in CCDEC 2024 08 – BUD and BC 468.

The estimated use of human and financial resources to implement this Revised PoW 2025 is based on the following considerations:

- structure of the Secretariat proposed in BC 468 and BC470;
- split of human resources per activity as indicated in tables 1a and 1b above;
- Secretariat's total budget of EUR 1 642 138 for 2025;
- percentages provided on the total budget available in 2025.

[3] As per Instruction 8(b) of the Implementing Instructions to the Financial Rules ("Implementing Insutrctuons"), the Secretary-General may use up to 10% of the total amount of the General Reserve Fund at 31 December of the preceding financial year after submission of the certified accounts by the External Auditors in a financially sustainable manner. The chair of the Budget Committee shall be provided with the justification for the use of that amount. The Secretary-General shall report to the Budget Committee on the use made from the General Reserve Fund, including justification.

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A Management and Administration
A1 Support to the Conference and its subsidiary and consultative bodies

Description

In line with Article 35(4) of the ECT, the Secretariat shall provide the Conference with all necessary assistance for the performance of its duties and shall carry out the functions assigned to it in the ECT or in any Protocol and any other functions assigned to it by the Conference.

Deliverables

- Organise the meetings of the Conference as mandated under Articles 34(1) and 34(2) of the ECT and in line with the Rules of Procedure of the Energy Charter Conference ("Rules of Procedure") adopted pursuant to Article 34(6) of the ECT[4];
- Organise the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference and the Management Committee in accordance with the Rules of Procedure;
- Support the Conference and its subsidiary bodies in implementing the conclusions of the review under Article 34(7) of the ECT[5] in relation to strategic, budgetary, institutional and managerial aspects of the organisation, the contribution of the ECT to long-term cooperation in the energy field, the functioning of the Conference and its subsidiary bodies, as well as the future priorities of the Secretariat;
- Initiate contact with other institutions and organisations to foster engagement in activities that are of direct relevance to the objectives of the ECT, including Article 34(4) of the ECT[6];
- In accordance with the conclusions of the review conducted in 2024 under Article 34(7) of the ECT, support the Industry Advisory Panel ("IAP") in developing its Terms of Reference following the modernisation of the ECT, intensifying its cooperation with international organisations, consolidating its membership, as well as attracting relevant new members from energy companies, international business associations and financial institutions to the Energy Charter constituency[7]; and
- Manage the organisation's archives and library.

[4] Article 34(1) of the ECT states that "The Contracting Parties shall meet periodically in the Energy Charter Conference (referred to herein as the "Charter Conference") at which each Contracting Party shall be entitled to have one representative. Ordinary meetings shall be held at intervals determined by the Charter Conference."

Article 34(2) of the ECT states that "Extraordinary meetings of the Charter Conference may be held at such times as may be determined by the Charter Conference, or at the written request of any Contracting Party, provided that, within six weeks of the request being communicated to the Contracting Parties by the Secretariat, it is supported by at least one-third of the Contracting Parties."

[5] Article 34(7) of the ECT states that "In 1999 and thereafter at intervals (of not more than five years) to be determined by the Charter Conference, the Charter Conference shall thoroughly review the functions provided for in this Treaty in the light of the extent to which the provisions of the Treaty and Protocols have been implemented. At the conclusion of each review the Charter Conference may amend or abolish the functions specified in paragraph (3) and may discharge the Secretariat."

[6] Article 34(4) of the ECT states that "In the performance of its duties, the Charter Conference, through the Secretariat, shall cooperate with and make as full a use as possible, consistently with economy and efficiency, of the services and programmes of other institutions and organisations with established competence in matters related to the objectives of this Treaty."

[7] See para 18 of CCDEC 2024 20 STR, which states that "Some Contracting Parties consider that it is necessary to ensure that the activities of the IAP correspond with the Secretariat's Programme of Work in the future. The Secretariat should intensify its cooperation in the main areas of the Energy Charter's activities with the following international organisations: (i) On international investment law and investment disputes: OECD, UNCTAD, ICSID and UNCITRAL; (ii) On energy issues: IEA, UNECE, IEF, IRENA, (iii) For trade and financial matters: EBRD, IBRD and WTO."

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Energy Charter Conference • Subsidiary bodies of the Conference • Consultative bodies of the Conference, including the IAP • Management Committee	• SG's Office - General Counsel • DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities - Unit for Administration

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	0.30	0.25
Temporary Officials	0.50	0.55
Estimated Costs (EUR)	299 232	238 841
•	(13.5%)	(14.5%)

A Management and Administration
A2 Legal Support

Description

In line with Article 35(4) of the ECT, the Secretariat shall provide substantive and procedural legal support to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies, and the Management Committee, and upon request – to Members and Observers to the Conference, – on the interpretation and application of the ECT, the PEEREA, other related instruments, and other decisions adopted by the Conference. The Secretariat will also provide legal advice on institutional matters, including the application of the Rules of Procedure, the Headquarters Agreement, the Staff Regulations and Rules, and on administrative and contractual arrangements entered into by the Secretariat, pursuant to Article 35(5) of the ECT, for the effective discharge of its functions.

Deliverables

- Provide substantive and procedural legal support to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies, including the Legal Advisory Committee sub-group, the Management Committee, and, upon request – to the Members and Observers of the Conference, – on the interpretation and application of the ECT, the PEEREA, and other related instruments;
- Provide substantive and procedural legal support to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies, including the Legal Advisory Committee sub-group, the Management Committee, and, upon request – to the Members and Observers to the Conference, – in developing, interpreting and applying legal instruments governing the Conference's and the Secretariat's operations, including the Rules of Procedure, the Headquarters Agreement, terms of reference of subsidiary bodies and the Management Committee, the Staff Regulations and Rules, other decisions adopted by the Conference, and other internal rules and policies;
- Provide substantive and procedural legal support to the Secretariat in interpreting and applying legal instruments governing its operations, the Headquarters Agreement, the Staff Regulations and Rules, other decisions adopted by the Conference, and other internal rules and policies;

- Provide legal advice to the Secretariat on administrative and contractual arrangements entered into by the Secretariat under Article 35(5) of the ECT, as well as on developing Memoranda of Understanding to advance the implementation of the objectives and provisions of the ECT;
- Provide substantive and procedural legal support to the Conference and its subsidiary bodies in implementing the conclusions of the review under Article 34(7) of the ECT, including developing and revising legal instruments governing the Conference's and the Secretariat's operations as requested by the Conference and its subsidiary bodies;
- Respond to inquiries and maintain liaison with Members and Observers of the Conference, as well as third parties and other stakeholders, on the aforementioned legal matters, as appropriate and upon request; and
- Manage the ECT website and the associated databases.

Bodies involved

- Energy Charter Conference
- Subsidiary bodies of the Conference, including the Legal Advisory Committee sub-group
- Management Committee

Units involved

- SG's Office
  - General Counsel
- DSG's Office
  - DSG

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	2025
Established Officials	0.6	0.10
Temporary Officials	0.1	0.35
Estimated Costs (EUR)	187 529	124 172
•	(8.4%)	(7.6%)

A Management and Administration
A3 Financial and Administrative Support

Description

The Secretariat shall undertake administrative and financial tasks, as required and in compliance with the Financial Rules and their Implementing Instructions adopted by the Conference through CCDEC 2022 14 BUD, including but not limited to budget planning, control, and administration; financial control; contracts and contract procedures; payroll; personnel management; information technology and communications; and premises and support services.

Deliverables

- Prepare and administer the budget and PoW for the Secretariat in compliance with the Financial Rules and Implementing Instructions;
- Administer and manage the Secretariat's transactions, accounts, and subsidiary records in compliance with the Financial Rules and Implementing Instructions;
- Report to the Conference and its subsidiary bodies on the status of the implementation of the budget and the PoW, the calculation and collection of the Secretariat's income, as well as all other relevant financial and administrative matters in a form and time stipulated under the Financial Rules and Implementing Instructions;

- Prepare the financial statements of the Secretariat's net equity and financial position at the end of 2024 and 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the relevant year in accordance with the Financial Rules and Implementing Instructions, International Public Sector Accounting Standards ("IPSAS") and the accounting policies of the Secretariat;
- Provide the External Auditors with all necessary support and documentation that they request to facilitate them in conducting financial audits in accordance with their Terms of Reference and the Financial Rules and Implementing Instructions;
- Provide financial and administrative support to the Secretariat in the performance of its Depositary functions (Activity A4);
- Undertake all human resources-related tasks concerning recruitment, posting, advancement, benefits, contracts and other personnel matters;
- Manage and administer all information technology and communications-related matters of the Secretariat, including dissemination to the Conference and its subsidiary bodies all information and documents as required under the Rules of Procedure;
- Manage the Secretariat and the ECT websites as well as maintain all relevant databases and subscriptions; and
- Manage the administrative and financial aspects of the change in the office premises of the Secretariat due to the expiry of its current lease at the end of 2025.

Bodies involved

- Energy Charter Conference
- Budget Committee
- Management Committee

Units involved

- DSG's Office
  - Unit for Administration
  - Unit for Implementation and External Activities

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	2025
Established Officials	0.7	0.25
Temporary Officials	0.5	2.60
Estimated Costs (EUR)	285 202	690 408
•	(12.9%)	(42%)

A Management and Administration
A4 Depository

Description

In line with the decisions of the Conference CCDEC 2024 16 GEN and CCDEC 2025 01 GEN, the Secretariat has officially assumed, on an interim basis, the role of the Depositary of the ECT and the PEEREA, effective as of 2 February 2025. The role of the Secretariat as the Depositary will become permanent following the entry into force of the amendments to the ECT and PEEREA pursuant to Article 42 and Article 17, respectively. As the Depositary, the Secretariat receives and processes all notifications, declarations, and other instruments related to the ECT and the PEEREA and performs other functions in accordance with the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of the Treaties (VCLT).

Deliverables

- Perform any depositary functions provided for in international law, and particularly Articles 76–80 of the VCLT, including keeping custody of the original texts of the ECT and the PEEREA, full powers delivered, any instruments, notifications and communications related to the ECT and the PEEREA;
- Perform specific functions as mandated by the ECT and the PEEREA:
    - Keep custody of the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the ECT (Article 39) and the PEEREA (Article 15).
    - Receive and keep custody of declarations and notifications on the territorial application of the ECT to Contracting Parties (Article 40(1)–(3)).
    - Receive and keep custody of the instruments of accession to the ECT (Article 41) and the PEEREA (Article 16).
    - Submit approved amendments to the ECT (Article 42(3)) and the PEEREA (Article 17(3)) to all Contracting Parties for ratification, acceptance or approval.
    - Receive and keep custody of the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of amendments to the ECT (Article 42(4)) and the PEEREA Article 17(4)).
    - Keep custody of declarations and notifications on provisional application of the ECT (Article 45(2)–(3)).
    - Receive and keep custody of written notifications of the withdrawal from the ECT (Article 47(1)) and the PEEREA (Article 20(1)).
- Receive and keep custody of the declarations and notifications pursuant to Conference Decision CCDEC 2024 16 GEN;
- Produce certified copies of the amendments to the PEEREA adopted on 30 January 2025 (CCDEC 2025 01 GEN);
- Perform any other depositary functions assigned by the Conference;
- Provide general legal advice on treaty law and practice at the request of the Conference and its subsidiary bodies and specific legal advice to Contracting Parties to the ECT and the PEEREA and third parties in relation to any treaty action, including any instruments, notifications and communications, ensuring proper execution of such actions;
- Provide regular updates on the performance of the depositary functions to the Strategy and Implementation Group; and
- Participate in and/or organise events, training, seminars, and technical assistance workshops on topics of direct relevance to the depositary functions.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Energy Charter Conference • Strategy and Implementation Group	• SG's Office - General Counsel • DSG's Office - Unit for Administration

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	NA	0.05
Temporary Officials	NA	0.35
Estimated Costs (EUR)	NA	100 635
•		(6.1%)

B Programmes
B1 Modernisation of the ECT

Description

On 3 December 2024, the Conference adopted and approved decisions on the modernisation of the ECT, necessitating the Secretariat to provide further programmatic support in this regard, including support related to the provisional application of the amendments from 3 September 2025 and the ratification process, and awareness-raising efforts targeting Members and Observers to the Conference and other stakeholders.

Deliverables

- Provide general information on the decisions on the modernisation of the ECT to the Conference, its subsidiary bodies, the Management Committee, the Members and Observers of the Conference, third parties and other stakeholders;
- Provide specific information, legal support and technical assistance in relation to the decisions on the modernisation of the ECT upon request of the Contracting Parties, including in relation to the provisional application of the amendments from 3 September 2025 and the ratification process;
- Raise awareness about the decisions on the modernisation of the ECT amongst the Members and Observers of the Conference as well as relevant external stakeholders through participation in and/or organisation of events, training, seminars, and technical assistance workshops on topics related to the provisional application of the amendments from 3 September 2025, the ratification process, and the "main achievements" of the modernised ECT as endorsed by the Conference (CCDEC 2022 10 GEN); and
- Providing regular updates on the present Sub-activity to the Strategy and Implementation Group.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Energy Charter Conference • Strategy and Implementation Group	• SG's Office - General Counsel • DSG's Office - Unit for Administration

Planning

- Ongoing activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	2025
Established Officials	0.6	0.10
Temporary Officials	0.05	0.20
Estimated Costs (EUR)	179 114	91 131
•	(8.1%)	(5.5%)

B Programmes
B2 Implementation of the ECT
B21 Energy Transit

Description

As per Article 34(3), the functions of the Conference include reviewing and facilitating the implementation of the provisions of the ECT and its Protocols. In line with Article 35(4) of the ECT, the Secretariat shall assist the Conference through Activity B21 in facilitating the implementation of the provisions on energy transit (Article 7 of the ECT).

Deliverables

- Promote the transit and energy security aspects of the ECT amongst Members and Observers of the Conference as well as relevant external stakeholders through participation in and/or organisation of events, training, seminars, and technical assistance workshops on topics of direct relevance to the objectives of the ECT, including technical, legal, and regulatory aspects of:
  - facilitation of transit through existing or new Energy Transit Facilities as defined in the ECT;
  - non-discrimination in the establishment and/or use of new and/or existing Energy Transit Facilities;
  - specific operational issues concerning competition, capacity, technical standards, and tariff methodologies;
  - issues of taxation and accounting, safety and environmental aspects, and liability that are relevant to energy transit;
  - favourable conditions for investments in projects of construction of new and expansion of existing facilities for energy transit;
  - electricity interconnections, market reforms, and market designs in countries that are Members or Observers of the Conference;
  - regional energy cooperation mechanisms and regional energy integration and connectivity;
  - enhancement of existing and development of new cross-border infrastructure projects;
  - increasing energy security by developing international cooperation and innovation to ensure the development of integrated energy markets;
- Explore synergies and work with other international organisations through MoUs, joint forums, technical studies, and reports on matters of direct relevance to the topics mentioned above;

- Support the Conference and its subsidiary bodies in implementing the conclusions of the review conducted in 2024 under Article 34(7) of the ECT regarding the energy transit provisions of the ECT and report on their implementation status; and
- Report to the Conference and its subsidiary bodies on the implementation of the energy transit provisions in the ECT.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Strategy and Implementation Group	• DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities

Planning
- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	0.2	0.05
Temporary Officials	0.95	0.20
Estimated Costs (EUR)	248 805	67 593
•	(11.2%)	(4.1%)

B Programmes
B2 Implementation of the ECT
B22 Investment

Description

As per Article 34(3), the functions of the Conference include reviewing and facilitating the implementation of the provisions of the ECT and its Protocols. In line with Article 35(4) of the ECT, the Secretariat shall assist the Conference through Activity B22 in facilitating the implementation of the provisions concerning investments under the ECT.

Deliverables
- Develop and publish the Energy Investment Risk Assessment (EIRA) report for 2024 and 2025 (up to 6 country reports annually) and update the web resource of regulatory documents relevant to the energy investment climate for upload on the EIRA website;
- Publicise the ECT's investment promotion and protection aspects amongst Conference Members and Observers as well as relevant external stakeholders through participation in and/or organisation of events, training, seminars, and technical assistance workshops on topics of direct relevance to the objectives of the ECT, including:
    - Review of the policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks of countries with a view to de-risking and mobilising cross-border investments in low-carbon and clean energy sources and technologies to accelerate the energy transition;
    - development of international trade and investment in energy-related sectors in such a way as to contribute to the objective of sustainable development;
    - promote and enhance the mutual supportiveness of investment and climate policies and measures, thereby accelerating the transition towards a low-emission, clean energy and resource-efficient economy, as well as to climate-resilient development;
    - promote and facilitate trade and investment of relevance for climate change mitigation and adaptation, including, inter alia, by removing obstacles to trade

and investment concerning low carbon energy technologies and services such as renewable energy production capacity and by adopting policy frameworks conducive to this objective; and
- promote the importance of responsible business conduct in contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals in energy-related sectors;
- facilitate cooperation among the Contracting Parties on investment-related aspects of climate policies and measures bilaterally and in international fora, as appropriate.

- Explore synergies and work with other international organisations through MoUs, joint forums, technical studies, and reports on matters of direct relevance to the topics mentioned above;
- Support the Conference and its subsidiary bodies in implementing the conclusions of the review conducted in 2024 under Article 34(7) of the ECT regarding the investment provisions of the ECT and report on their implementation status; and
- Report to the Conference and its subsidiary bodies on the implementation of the investment-related provisions in the ECT.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Strategy and Implementation Group	• DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities

Planning
- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	0.2	0.05
Temporary Officials	0.95	0.25
Estimated Costs (EUR)	224 706	78 607
•	(10.15%)	(4.8%)

B Programmes
B2 Implementation of the ECT
B23 Dispute Settlement

Description

As per Article 34(3), the functions of the Conference include reviewing and facilitating the implementation of the principles of the European Energy Charter and the provisions of the ECT and its Protocols. In line with Article 35(4) of the ECT, the Secretariat shall assist the Conference through Activity B23 in facilitating the implementation of the provisions on dispute settlement.

Deliverables
- Assist with good offices, mediation and conciliation upon request of the disputing parties, provide neutral, independent legal advice and assistance in dispute settlement under the auspices of the Secretariat's Conflict Resolutions Centre in relation to state-to-state and investment dispute settlement procedures under the ECT upon request of the disputing parties, and provide other technical assistance, if requested, including:

  - assistance with good offices, mediation and conciliation neutral and independent legal advice and assistance in dispute settlement procedures under the ECT (CCDEC 2014 06 GEN);
  - assistance with good offices and mediation in investment disputes under the ECT (CCDEC 2016 12 INV);
  - administrative or technical assistance to conciliators in transit disputes under Article 7(10) (Ex 7)[8] of the ECT and the Transit Conciliation Rules (CCDEC 2015 11 TTG);
  - assistance in dispute settlement procedures under the Model Energy Charter Early Warning Mechanism to prevent and overcome emergency situations in transit (CCDEC 2014 14 TTG);
  - participation in pre-trial proceedings between Contracting Parties in state-to-state disputes under Article 30 (Ex 27)[9] of the ECT and trade disputes under Annex D to the ECT before they revert to the mechanisms contained in these provisions (CCDEC 2014 06 GEN);
  - assistance in the consultation process between the Contracting Parties in trade disputes (Annex D of the ECT);
  - assistance in conciliation procedures in state-to-state disputes on the sustainable development provisions (Article 19 and Article 19 bis)[10] of the ECT (Article 30 bis of the ECT)[11]; and
  - technical assistance in implementing the Model Instrument on Investment Dispute Management (CCDEC 2018 26 INV).
- Assist the Conference in developing the standard provisions concerning the conduct of conciliation and the compensation of conciliators in state-to-state disputes on the sustainable development provisions (Article 19 and Article 19 bis) of the ECT in accordance with Article 30 bis(3);
- Organise, maintain and facilitate access to the documentary and audio *travaux préparatoires* of the European Energy Charter, the ECT and related protocols, and the Amendment to the Trade-Related Provisions (CCDEC 2016 24 STR);
- Manage the ECT website and the associated databases;
- Raise awareness about the dispute avoidance, mitigation, and amicable settlement initiatives amongst Members and Observers of the Conference as well as relevant external stakeholders through participation in and/or organisation of events, training, seminars, and technical assistance workshops on related topics; and
- Explore synergies and work with other international organisations through MoUs, joint forums, technical studies, and reports on matters of direct relevance to the above.

[8] As amended by Conference Decision CCDEC 2024 12 GEN (Amendments to the Energy Charter Treaty) on 3 December 2024.

[9] Ibid.

[10] Ibid.

[11] Ibid.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• N/A	• SG's Office - General Counsel • DSG's Office - Deputy Secretary General

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	0.40	0.05
Temporary Officials	0.45	0.20
Estimated Costs (EUR)	188 979	67 593
•	(8.5%)	(4.1%)

B Programmes
B2 Implementation of the ECT
B24 Energy Efficiency and the PEEREA

Description

As per Article 34(3), the functions of the Conference include reviewing and facilitating the implementation of the provisions of the ECT and its Protocols. Article 11(1) of the PEEREA mandates the Secretariat to provide the Conference with all necessary assistance for performing its duties under this Protocol and provide such other services in support of the Protocol as may be required from time to time, subject to approval by the Conference. In this context, and in line with Article 35(4) of the ECT, the Secretariat shall assist the Conference through Activity B24 in facilitating the implementation of the provisions in the ECT related to energy efficiency and the PEEREA.

Deliverables

- Prepare In-depth Energy Efficiency Reviews for Contracting Parties that volunteer for the activity (estimated one report p.a.);
- Pursuant to Article 34(4) of the ECT, encourage cooperation in the attainment of the environmental objectives of the ECT and cooperation in the field of international environmental standards for the Energy Cycle as defined in the ECT, taking into account differences in adverse effects and abatement costs between Contracting Parties;
- Publicise the ECT's energy efficiency and environmental aspects, as well as the PEEREA, amongst Conference Members and Observers as well as relevant external stakeholders through participation in and/or organisation of events, training, seminars, and technical assistance workshops on topics directly related to the objectives of the ECT and the PEEREA, including supporting countries in:
    - Promoting energy efficiency policies consistent with the objectives and basic principles stated in Articles 1 and 3 of the PEEREA;
    - Implementing Articles 5, 7, 8, and 9 of the PEEREA;
    - collecting and sharing information on environmentally sound and economically efficient energy policies and Cost-Effective practices and technologies;
    - promoting public awareness of the environmental impacts of energy systems, of the scope for the prevention or abatement of their adverse environmental

impacts, and the costs associated with various prevention or abatement measures;
- promoting and facilitating cooperation on the research, development and application of energy-efficient and environmentally sound technologies, practices and processes which will minimise harmful environmental impacts of all aspects of the energy cycle, as defined in the ECT, in an economically efficient manner;

- Explore synergies and work with other international organisations through MoUs, joint forums, technical studies, and reports on matters of direct relevance to the ECT and the PEEREA, as mentioned above;
- Support the Conference and its subsidiary bodies in implementing the conclusions of the review conducted in 2024 under Article 34(7) of the ECT regarding the energy efficiency-related provisions of the ECT and the PEEREA and report on their implementation status; and
- Report to the Conference and its subsidiary bodies on the implementation of the provisions in the ECT related to energy efficiency and environmental aspects, as well as the PEEREA.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Strategy and Implementation Group	• DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities

Planning
- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	0.20	0.05
Temporary Officials	0.95	0.25
Estimated Costs (EUR)	224 117	78 607
•	(10.1%)	(4.8%)

B Programmes
B3 Consolidation, Expansion and Outreach

Description

The Secretariat will assist the Conference in defining the Consolidation Expansion and Outreach (CONEXO) policy in line with the conclusions of the review conducted in 2024 under Article 34(7) of the ECT.

Deliverables
- Provide support in the development of the CONEXO policy in line with the conclusions of the review conducted in 2024 under Article 34(7) of the ECT; and
- Maintain or relaunch the relationship with Observers in accession to the ECT or countries which express interest in signing the International Energy Charter where feasible.

ENERGY CHARTER SECRETARIAT

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Strategy and Implementation Group	• DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities

Planning

- Recurring activity
- Deadline: 31 December 2025

Estimated Resources

	2024	**2025**
Established Officials	0.40	0.05
Temporary Officials	0.20	0.05
Estimated Costs (EUR)	174,236	34 552
•	(7.9%)	(2.1%)

BUDGET PART II

The Secretariat invites Members and Observers of the Conference, as well as international organisations, to make voluntary contributions towards programmes and activities of interest to them.

The Secretariat also receives other resources from financial operations (interests received, profit on currency exchange, etc.). These resources will be used to compensate expenses on financial operations of the same nature.

C Other and Extra Programmes
C1 Implementation of the Treaty
C12 Investment
C12a EIRA country profiles

Description

The Secretariat shall prepare additional EIRA country profiles (regular version) or special editions of the report as requested by a donor country, organisation, or institution.

Deliverables

- Special edition of the Joint Energy Charter Secretariat and Islamic Development Bank EIRA report

Bodies involved • Strategy and Implementation Group	**Units involved** • DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities
Planning • Recurring activity • Deadline: 31 December 2025	**Resources available** • None **Requested resources** • 2022: Voluntary Contribution from the Islamic Development Bank[12] of EUR 22 204 • 2023: Balance of EUR 22 204 • 2024: Balance of EUR 22 204 • 2025: Balance of previous year + **Voluntary contributions requested**

C Other and Extra Programmes
C1 Implementation of the ECT
C12 Investment
C12b EIRA extended country profiles

Description

The Secretariat shall develop and publish Extended EIRA country reports examining the policy, legal and regulatory risks for investment in the energy sectors of participating countries. Depending on the specific needs and circumstances of the countries, the profiles shall offer detailed information on the strengths and areas for improvement across the different pre-defined risk areas and performance indicators and, in comparison to regular EIRA country profiles, give more in-depth and tailored recommendations.

[12] The amount of the voluntary contribution from the Islamic Development Bank is USD 25 000. The exchange rate used at the time of the agreement gave an amount of EUR 21 660. The actual amount received at the payment is EUR 22 204.

Deliverables

- Extended country profile publications, including their presentation.

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
• Strategy and Implementation Group • Donor country, organisation or institution	• DSG's Office - Unit for Implementation and External Activities
Planning • One-time activity per financed country • Deadline: to be defined	**Resources available** • None **Requested resources** • **Voluntary contribution of EUR 20 000 requested per Extended EIRA profile**

C Other and Extra Programmes
C1 Implementation of the ECT
C12 Investment
C12c Energy Charter Investment Promotion Centre - discontinued

Description

Deliverables

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
•	•
Planning •	**Resources available** **Requested resources** •

C Other and Extra Programmes
C2 CONsolidation, EXpansion and Outreach policy
C21 Regional Energy Cooperation and Promoting Accession to the ECT - discontinued

Description

Deliverables

Bodies involved	**Units involved**
•	•

Planning	Resources available Requested resources
•	•

C Other and Extra Programmes
C3 Promotion and Cooperation
C31 WCF "Secretariat" - discontinued

Description

Deliverables

Bodies involved	Units involved
•	•
Planning	**Resources available** **Requested resources**
•	•

C Extra Programmes
C3 Promotion and Cooperation
C32 Communication and Research Centre - discontinued

Description

Deliverables

Bodies involved	Units involved
•	•
Planning	**Resources available** **Requested resources**
•	•

C Extra Programmes
C3 Promotion and Cooperation
C34 Foundations Partnership Network - discontinued

Description

Deliverables

ENERGY CHARTER SECRETARIAT

Bodies involved •	**Units involved** •
Planning •	**Resources available** **Requested resources** •