DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Establishment of the Working Group II (Trade Amendment): Terms of Reference and Chairman

For Working Group II (Trade) the Conference elected Dr Ivan Ivanov (Russian Federation) as Chairman. Terms of Reference for WG II were agreed and are at Annex II. The European Community and the Russian Federation, in particular, underlined that issues agreed in the Energy Charter Treaty as adopted in Lisbon should not be revisited in the trade negotiations.

[Attached is the Annex II to the document CC 20.]
TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR
WORKING GROUP II
TRADE

The tasks of the WG are exclusively defined by the explicit references contained in the Energy Charter Treaty as provided for below.

These tasks are:

1. To prepare as laid down in Article 29(6) of the Energy Charter Treaty a draft amendment to the Treaty which shall, subject to conditions to be laid down therein, commit each Contracting Party not to increase tariffs or charges levied at the time of importation or exportation on Energy Materials and Products beyond the level prescribed under that amendment.

2. To prepare as laid down in Article 30 of the Treaty, appropriate amendments to the Treaty in the light of the results of the Uruguay Round on Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

3. In addition the WG is mandated to assure, in co-ordination with Working Group I, the mutual consistency of any amendments to the Treaty with the provisions of the supplementary treaty provided for in Article 10(4) of the Treaty or with the investment provisions of the Treaty, as far as trade rules of the ECT are concerned.