**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject:** Reports and Notes considered by the 2nd Meeting of the Provisional Energy Charter Conference

[Information by the Chairman:]

- The Chairman informed the meeting that Hungary, Lithuania and Uzbekistan had now signed the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Efficiency Protocol. Japan informed the Conference that its internal approval procedures were underway and that it intended to sign the Treaty as soon as possible, certainly before the end of the signature period.

- The Chairman stressed the importance of ratifying the Treaty as soon as possible and invited delegations to keep the Secretariat informed of progress. A representative of the Depository confirmed that the Treaty and Energy Efficiency Protocol were open for signature in Lisbon until 16 June. Arrangements for signature in Brussels could, however, be made if that were more convenient.