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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Establishment of Legal Advisory Committee: Framework and Tasks

The Conference decided to establish a sub-group, to be known as the Legal Advisory Committee, to provide legal advice to the Chairman of the Conference and to Working Group Chairmen.

The Framework and Tasks for this sub-group of the Charter Conference (Annex to doc. CC 24) were agreed. The sub-group would elect a provisional Chairperson and rapporteur. It was suggested that the future legal adviser of the Secretariat might assume those responsibilities. The Conference would formally elect a Chairperson for the group on a later date.

Governments were invited to inform the Secretariat of the names of their designees to the Legal Advisory Committee.

[The Framework and Tasks of the Legal Advisory Committee as contained in CC 24 are attached as Annex]

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LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

I. Framework

1. The Chairman of the Legal Advisory Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will be responsible for conducting the work of the Advisory Committee and reporting to the Conference Chairman or Working Group Chairmen on the results, as appropriate.
2. The Legal Advisory Committee shall consist of experts from delegations desiring to participate. The Chairman will aim to have representatives of the major forms of legal systems present.
3. The Legal Advisory Committee shall meet at the request of the Conference Chairman or a Working Group Chairman and will be assigned specific tasks.
4. Questions of priorities between particular assignments to the Legal Advisory Committee will, if necessary, be decided by the Conference Chairman.

II. Tasks

1. Specific tasks which the Legal Advisory Committee may be charged with include:
 - a. review of the text of provisions and articles already agreed by the Charter Conference or a Working Group;
 - b. provision of legal advice on matters put to the Legal Advisory Committee by the Conference Chairman or by the Chairman of a Working Group.