Decisions of the Energy Charter Conference

Subject: Postponement of Negotiations on Nuclear Declaration

The Chairman outlined the conclusions of work on this subject as reported by the Chairman of the Nuclear Working Group (doc. NU 20). He asked the Conference to approve the principle of a Nuclear Declaration.

The Russian Delegation made a statement [attached as Annex] recording its preference for a legally binding Protocol and emphasising the need for cooperation in the field of nuclear power. Ukraine also expressed its support for a Protocol. The European Community delegation emphasised its support for nuclear cooperation but argued that this would not be prejudiced by a Nuclear Declaration, which was in their delegation’s view all that could be agreed at the present time.

The Conference agreed to postpone consideration of this issue to allow time for further consultations between delegations.