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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Rules of Procedure for the Provisional Charter Conference (Canada and United States attendance, Language Regime)**

The Conference approved the Rules of Procedure for the Provisional Charter Conference including a Norwegian proposal (CC 48) for participation in the negotiations referred to in Articles 10(4) and 33 and attendance at other meetings by Charter signatories. It was furthermore agreed to delete the references to vice-chairpersons in Rules 1 and 4.

The Conference invited Canada and the United States to attend meetings of other subsidiary bodies as observers.

After a discussion on the use of languages the following conclusions were agreed (RD 12 of 23 November 1995):

"Considering the statements that have been made in particular by Japan and the EC, and bearing in mind Article 50 of the ECT, the Charter Conference, by approving the Rules of Procedure, accepts to continue the application of the existing linguistic regime which is based on English, French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish.

The Charter Conference acknowledges that the European Communities provided substantial financial support to the European Energy Charter negotiations, since they started in July 1991.

The Charter Conference takes note that the European Communities indicated their willingness to consider additional support for the organisation of further

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Conference meetings notably if the cost of the linguistic regime creates budgetary problems to the Charter Secretariat.

Note: Rules 17, 18 and 19 of the draft Rules of Procedure will be deleted, and all references to languages in the draft Budget document will be replaced by "linguistic regime".

[The adopted Rules of Procedure as circulated in document CC 53 Corrigendum 2 are attached as Annex.]