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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Reports and Notes considered by the 4th Meeting of the Provisional Energy Charter Conference

- Financial situation

The Deputy Secretary-General reported on the current financial situation. Expenditure in 1995 was markedly below budget because of the delay in deciding the Secretariat's location and the Conference decision in April to freeze recruitment. But expenditure on office accommodation, equipment and other items would substantially increase expenses in the rest of the year. Contributions totaling only 790.000 ECU had so far been received from 21 countries towards the 1995 budget. The Secretariat would depend on a substantial interest-free loan from the European Commission to cover cash flow needs in the short term.

- Staff Regulations (CC 45)

It was noted that the proposed Staff Regulations followed as closely as possible those of the OECD (and other members of the Coordinated Organisations), adjusted only to take account of the different nature of the Secretariat. Some delegations asked for more time for consideration.

The Conference Chairman invited any delegations which had comments on doc. CC 45 (including the corrections in RD 2 of 22 November 1995) to send them in writing to the Secretariat before 31 January 1996.

The draft Staff Regulations would then be submitted for approval by the next Conference meeting, together with a decision that they should apply both before and after entry into force of the Treaty. Until then the Secretariat's activities in this area would continue to be based on the current draft and routine practice in the Coordinated Organisations.

Keywords: Financial Situation, Staff Regulations, Working Group Reports, Ratification Progress, Protocol on Electrical Power Supply, Nuclear Instrument

- Reports from Working Groups

The Conference heard oral reports on the progress of negotiations in Working Groups I, II and III.

- Progress on Ratification

As of 20 November 1995 instruments of ratification had been deposited with the Depositary by Georgia and Slovakia for the Energy Charter Treaty and by Slovakia for the Energy Efficiency Protocol.

Kazakhstan stated that the Kazakhstan Parliament had ratified the Treaty on 18 October 1995 and that the instruments of ratification would be forwarded to the Depositary.

The Conference Chairman urged delegations to do everything possible to ratify the Treaty and the Protocol and expressed the hope that the ratification process would be completed by mid-1996.

- The Conference noted a proposal from the Chairman of the CIS Electric Power Council to initiate negotiations on a Protocol on electric power supply in the CIS countries. Delegations would study the proposal and forward comments to the Secretariat to assist preparations for the next Conference meeting.
- On the proposal of three delegations the Conference Chairman announced that the Conference at its next meeting would discuss the issue of the Nuclear Instrument. The Armenian delegation informed the Conference that their Minister of Energy had written to the Secretary-General indicating Armenia's preference for a legally binding Nuclear Protocol. Other delegations were invited to submit their positions in writing to provide a basis for discussions at the next meeting.