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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Establishment of new Working Groups: Protocol on Electric Power Sector and Protocol on Major Accidents

a) [...] A number of Energy Charter Treaty Signatories supported the idea of a legally binding Protocol [on the Electric Power Sector]. Others doubted whether a Protocol would be appropriate. Reference was made to ongoing work in other fora, e.g. UN/ECE.

The Secretariat was asked to organize consultations with experts from governments and relevant organizations, including industry. The Secretariat should report back to the December 1996 meeting of the Conference, possibly with draft terms of reference.

b) Russia introduced its proposal for a Protocol on Major Accidents (Room Document 12). It was agreed that the issue was of great importance, in particular, as regards security of supply, environment and other transfrontier consequences. The Secretariat was asked to conduct consultations with delegations and experts on possibilities of prevention and the consequences of major accidents and report to the Conference in December, 1996, possibly with draft Terms of Reference. As for nuclear accidents, the Secretariat's report should take account of work already being conducted in other fora.

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