Subject: Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Energy Charter Conference for 1998

As regards the 1998 Chairpersonship of the Conference, [the three nominations had been suggested]: first, that Mr Rutten be re-appointed for another term as the Conference Chairman; secondly, that Mr Sano (Japan) be re-appointed as Vice-Chairman and thirdly, that a second Vice-Person be appointed - Mrs Teleguina (Russian Federation) had been proposed for this position. These three appointments were unanimously approved by the Conference and accepted by the three appointed persons. [It was stated] that the new chairmanship [reflected] the geographical balance of all Member States to the Energy Charter Treaty.