DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Proposal to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Energy Charter Process in December 2001

The Energy Charter Conference at its 6th Meeting held on 7 December 2000, having accepted certain modifications to the Conclusions concerning the Proposal to Mark the 10th Anniversary of the Energy Charter Process in December 2001 contained in CC 175, approved the revised Conclusions attached at Annex.
Annex

Conclusions concerning the Proposal to Mark the 10th Anniversary of the Energy Charter Process in December 2001 as adopted by the Energy Charter Conference at its 6th Meeting held on 7 December 2000

The Charter Conference,

Having taken note of the wide degree of agreement among Contracting Parties/Signatories that the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Energy Charter process should be marked in an appropriate way,

CONCLUDED

1. That a Special Session of the Charter Conference shall be held in December 2001 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Energy Charter process;

2. That, subject to further significant progress in the intervening period towards ratification of the Energy Charter Treaty by all Signatory states, and to the successful conclusion of the negotiations on an Energy Charter Transit Protocol, this Special Session of the Charter Conference could be held at Ministerial level;

3. That a Political Declaration shall be adopted by this Special Session of the Charter Conference, with the aims of reaffirming at a high political level the relevance of the original aims and objectives set out in the European Energy Charter and establishing an up-dated “road map” for implementation of the Energy Charter’s goals over the next ten-year period (2002-2011). The question of developing the role of the Energy Charter process in strengthening the security of energy supplies for all participating states shall form a central part of this Declaration;

4. That all states that have signed the European Energy Charter shall be invited to attend this Special Session of the Charter Conference and to adopt the Declaration. Representatives of states and international organisations that are observers to the Charter Conference, or that have shown a particular interest in the Charter process, may also be invited to attend as Observers;

5. That the Secretariat will be invited to commence work on drafting the Political Declaration for adoption at the Special Session of the Charter Conference to be held in December 2001. A first draft of the Declaration shall be circulated to all delegations for comments at the appropriate time. Delegations will subsequently be consulted concerning the modalities for further drafting work on the Political Declaration;

6. That the Charter Conference will adopt a final decision, if necessary by correspondence, on the venue of the Special Session of the Charter Conference in December 2001 at the appropriate time.