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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Trade Group Report; Submission of WTO-based notifications**

The Energy Charter Conference at its 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 7 December 2000 *took note* of the report by the Chairman of Trade Group circulated in Room Document 2.

The Chairman of the Trade Group noted the importance, in terms of capacity-building among non-WTO Contracting Parties/Signatories, of the seminar on trade related dispute settlement under the Treaty held in the autumn together with a meeting of the Trade Group. At the same time, he underlined with regret that considerable progress still needed to be made concerning the submission by this same group of countries of WTO-based notifications as required under the Treaty.

The Chairman of the Trade Group also drew attention to the need to ensure greater regional balance in the present Roster of Panellists for the Treaty's trade-related dispute settlement system, and urged delegations to come forward with further candidates. He noted that work on a Transparency Document on "WTO Provisions applying under the ECT to Trade in Energy" would continue to be prepared by the Trade Group with a view to submission to the Conference during 2001. The Trade Group was asked to monitor compliance with the trade-related obligations and report back to the Conference.

The Conference *adopted* the following statement with regard to the submission of WTO-based notifications by Contracting Parties/Signatories:

"The Energy Charter Conference emphasizes the importance of full compliance with the trade-related provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty as amended by the Trade Amendment. It remains fully committed to their implementation and trusts that Contracting Parties/Signatories will take all necessary steps to fully comply with these provisions."

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