Subject: Decision on the Draft Energy Charter Protocol on Transit

[The Energy Charter Conference at its 16th Meeting held on 9 December 2005 adopted the following conclusions on the Draft Energy Charter Protocol:]

“Given the importance of the Protocol on Transit for the Energy Charter process, this Conference invites the European Community and the Russian Federation to continue their formal consultations under the Chairmanship of the Conference Chairman and informal consultations on the draft Energy Charter Protocol on Transit, and to agree before the end of February 2006 a timetable of meetings for their finalisation, mindful of the 2004 Review Conclusion which stressed the need to conclude this instrument in a timely manner. The Conference underlines the need for transparency in relation to the conduct of these consultations.”