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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Approval of Afghanistan's request to become a signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter

[In document CC 310 of 10 July 2006, delegations were informed about the request from Afghanistan to become a signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter, and were requested to notify the Secretariat by no later than 31 July 2006 if they were unable to approve the following conclusion by written procedure:]

*“The Conference, acting pursuant to Section VIII of the Final Act of the European Energy Charter Conference, **approves** the application of Afghanistan to become a signatory of the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter. The Conference, furthermore, invites the Government of the Netherlands, as Depositary of the Charter, to make appropriate arrangements for implementing this decision.*

The Conference encourages the Government of Afghanistan to initiate the accession process, and invites the Secretariat to assist the Government of Afghanistan with the further procedure of the accession process.

The Conference invites the Government of Afghanistan to participate in the Charter process as an observer.”

[No such notifications had been received. Accordingly, in Message 651 the delegations were informed that the above conclusion had been adopted.]

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