Subject: Decision on the Draft Energy Charter Protocol on Transit

[The Energy Charter Conference at its 17th Meeting held on 20 November 2006 adopted the following conclusions in relation to the draft Energy Charter Protocol on Transit.]

- “The Conference invites the European Communities and the Russian Federation to continue bilateral consultations on the draft Energy Charter Protocol on Transit, in parallel with plurilateral consultations, with a view to resolving the remaining open points in the draft text. The form of these consultations shall be chosen by the European Communities and the Russian Federation.

- The Conference invites the European Communities and the Russian Federation to call upon the assistance of the Charter Secretariat as may be useful in order to contribute to these consultations, and to report to the meetings of the Energy Charter’s Trade and Transit Group and to the Energy Charter Conference on the state-of-play. At such time when the European Communities and the Russian Federation consider that it is possible to resolve the remaining open points in the draft text of the Protocol, they are invited to return with this advice to the Chairman of the Energy Charter Conference.”