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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject:      Application of the Palestinian National Authority for Observer Status**

[The Energy Charter Conference at its 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28 November 2008 approved the application of the Palestinian National Authority to become an observer to the Energy Charter Conference as circulated in document CC 365 (*Annex*).]

Pending international recognition of a state of Palestine, [observer status is granted] to the PNA under Rule 8 of the Conference Procedures, [...] without the requirement to sign the European Energy Charter of 1991.

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Sunday, 16 November 2008

The Chairman of the Energy Charter Conference  
c/o Energy Charter Secretariat  
Brussels  
Belgium

Dear Ambassador Kawamura,

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2008 to the Chairman of the Palestinian Energy Authority and your invitation to attend the Nineteenth Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference on 28 November 2008 hosted by H E the Minister of Development of the Hellenic Republic to whom we also address our gratitude.

The Palestinian Authority has looked with interest into the work and achievements of the Energy Charter process. In the context of the Palestinian Authority's active participation in the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, the "Union for the Mediterranean" and her long-standing commitments towards the goals of the "Euromed" initiative and energy cooperation in the region, the Palestinian Authority is of the view that her participation in the Energy Charter process would contribute to our shared aspiration for energy security in the Mediterranean region.

Therefore, the Palestinian Authority would like to request that she be admitted as an observer to the Energy Charter process and I would kindly ask you to put this request to the Energy Charter Treaty's member states for their decision.

The Palestinian Authority looks forward with anticipation to participating in the Nineteenth Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference and to contributing to the work of the Energy Charter process as an observer.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and in the meantime, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Dr/ Omar Kittaneh  
PEA Chairman

