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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Decision on next steps in relation to the draft Transit Protocol

[The Energy Charter Conference at its 19th Meeting held on 28 November 2008 unanimously adopted the following conclusions on the draft Transit Protocol, as suggested in Room Document 1:]

*“The **Conference welcomed** the report of the Chairman of the Trade and Transit Group on the progress made by the Group during the multilateral consultations on the draft Transit Protocol in 2008 and reaffirmed its support for the finalisation of negotiations and adoption of the Energy Charter Protocol on Transit to expand upon the existing provisions in the Treaty.*

*The **Conference resolved** to ask the Trade and Transit Group to start in 2009 with continued multilateral consultations on the outstanding issues in the draft Transit Protocol, with a view to enter into negotiations if and when the conditions for a successful finalisation are achieved. The Chairman of the Trade and Transit Group should report on the progress achieved to the Conference at its meeting in 2009. Should the Trade and Transit Group consider that the conditions to enter into negotiations are given before the Conference meets, the Chairman of the Trade and Transit Group should ask the Conference in writing to enter into the negotiation phase.”*

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