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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Accession by the Republic of Serbia as a signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter

In document CC 367 of 9 February 2009, delegations were informed that the Republic of Serbia had decided to subscribe to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter.

Recalling the decision of the 7th Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference on 11 May 2001 regarding the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia's accession as a signatory to the Concluding Document of the Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter [document CC 192, Annex III], the Energy Charter Conference was invited to approve the following conclusion by written procedure:

*“Acting pursuant to Section VIII of the Final Act of the European Energy Charter Conference, the **Energy Charter Conference** notes the decision of the Government of the Republic of Serbia to subscribe to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter.*

Pending its accession to the Energy Charter Treaty, and pursuant to Rule 7 (c) of the Rules of procedure of the provisional Energy Charter Conference, the Energy Charter Conference invites the Republic of Serbia to participate in the work of the Energy Charter Conference and subsidiary bodies as an observer without a right to vote.

The Conference encourages the Government of the Republic of Serbia to proceed with the accession to the Energy Charter Treaty and invites the Secretariat to assist the Government of the Republic of Serbia in this respect.”

No notification against the above conclusion was received within the time limit (5 pm Brussels time on 2 March 2009). Accordingly, [in Message 797/09 delegations were informed that the above conclusion had been adopted and that the Republic of Serbia was a signatory to the Concluding Document of the Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter and could proceed with accession to the Energy Charter Treaty.]

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