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**DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

**Subject: Report on the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for Appointing the Secretary General**

**Decision to repeal mandate establishing the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for Appointing the Secretary General**

The Energy Charter Conference at its 24<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 **took note** of the Report by the Chairman of the Working Group on rules and procedures for appointing the Secretary General as contained in document CC 474 (attached hereto), and **approved the following**

**DECISION**

regarding the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for Appointing the Secretary General:

1. The Energy Charter Conference **acknowledges** the substantial work done by the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for Appointing the Secretary General to implement the Decision adopted at the 22nd Meeting of the Conference in Sofia in November 2011 and according to the terms of reference contained in CC 428 of 12 April 2012.
2. Taking into account Rule 12.c of the Rules of Procedure and the report by the Chairman of the Working Group (CC 474), the Conference **concludes** that there is no merit in convening further meetings of the Working Group as no agreement can be reached. **The mandate** establishing the Working Group on Rules of Procedure for Appointing the Secretary General **is hereby repealed, and the Group is discharged** from its obligations **and dissolved**.

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3. Nevertheless, the Review to be conducted in 2014 at the Astana Conference **should consider** the issue of the Rules of Procedure for the Appointment of the Secretary General.

**24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference**  
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**Secretary General**

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At the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Conference in Sofia in November 2011, the Conference mandated the establishment of the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure for Appointment of the Secretary General. As Chairman of the Conference, Ambassador Selim Kunalalp was appointed to chair this Working Group.

The Terms of Reference of the Working Group were approved by the Conference by written procedure as notified to the delegations on 7 May 2012 (Message No. 991/12).

At the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Conference in Warsaw in November 2012, the Chairman reported to the Conference in CC 447 on the deliberations that had taken place up to then.

Despite the substantial progress made, the Working Group ultimately did not succeed in reaching a final consensus. No meeting of the Working Group was held in 2013. Moreover from informal consultations conducted by the Chairman it was apparent that there is no merit in convening further meetings of the Working Group as no agreement can be reached. The Conference is therefore asked to approve the repeal of the mandate establishing the Working Group in accordance with draft Decision (attached).

The deliberations of the Working Group and the most recent draft of the Rules, following the meeting of the Group on 8 October 2012 will be retained in the records of the Secretariat for future efforts.

The Chairman thanks all the delegates who participated in the deliberations of the Working Group. The Working Group was assigned a complex and important task. The Group operated in a spirit of impressive cooperation and determination which is to the credit of all involved.