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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Designation of the Conference Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and other Officers of the Conference's Subsidiary Bodies

The Energy Charter Conference at its 24th Meeting held on 5th/6th December 2013 **approved** the designation of the following officers for the year 2014, as proposed in document CC 480 Rev:

Conference Chair:	Uzakbay Karabalin (Kazakhstan)
Conference Vice-Chair:	Sarsenov Jambulat (Kazakhstan)
Conference Vice-Chair:	Mariam Valishvili (Georgia)
Conference Vice-Chair:	Anatoliy Yanovskiy (Russian Federation)
Conference Vice-Chair:	Odd Sverre Haraldsen (Norway)
Chair of the Strategy Group:	Odd Sverre Haraldsen (Norway)
Chair of the Investment Group:	Ramiz Rzayev (Azerbaijan)
Vice-Chair of the Investment Group:	Klara Rakhmetova (Kazakhstan)
Chair of the Trade and Transit Group:	Leila Stieger (Switzerland)
Chair of the Budget Committee:	Erik Ulfstedt (Finland)
Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee:	Lubomír Mazouch (Czech Republic)

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To: Rusnák, Urban

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Subject: Energy Charter meeting in Cyprus

Dear Ambassador Rusnak,

With this email I wish to inform you that the Government of Cyprus cannot give its consent to the designation of Ms Berris Ekinci as the Chair of the Trade and Transit Group of the Energy Charter Conference, for the following reasons:

Turkey has breached the compromise agreement achieved last year. I would like to refer to the letter sent to you by Ambassador Korneliou, dated 20 November 2012, in which it is clearly stated that Cyprus would give its consent to the proposal you had made in your letter dated 12 November 2012, provided *inter alia* that Turkey would refrain from boycotting directly or indirectly the holding of the meeting of the 2013 Conference of the Energy Charter in Cyprus. I have been informed that the Chairman of the Conference, Mr Selim Kunalp, who is a Turkish Ambassador, will not attend this year's meeting of the Energy Charter Conference in Cyprus. As you understand this fact, inevitably raises serious concerns over the ability of officials, designated by the Turkish Government, to impartially represent all the Members of the Energy Charter Conference.

Against this backdrop, I reconfirm that, as mentioned in Ambassador's Korneliou letter dated 20 November 2012, as far as the Government of Cyprus is concerned, failure by Turkey to honour a compromise agreement, either at or following the upcoming meeting of the Conference, justifies not giving our consent to the appointment of officials designated by the Turkish Government to an office of the Energy Charter Secretariat, Conference or any of its subsidiary bodies.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that Turkey consistently performs illegal actions in the Republic of Cyprus' territorial waters, EEZ and over its continental shelf, acts against the lawful activities of the Republic of Cyprus in its maritime zones and issues relevant provocative statements. Last, I would like to mention that Turkey's hostile policy is also openly directed at European energy companies, against which it has publicly issued threats. The general attitude, of Turkey towards Cyprus in energy-related issues, which is contrary to the spirit and letter of the Energy Charter Treaty, cannot be overlooked in the formulation of our position with respect to the issue at hand.

I am looking forward to a fruitful meeting in Cyprus.

Regards,

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Brussels, 3 December 2013

Dear Secretary General,

We have been informed that one of the members of the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) objected to the appointment of Ms. Berris Ekinici as Chairman of the Trade and Transit Group without any sound basis.

Turkey believes that the Energy Charter constitutes a technical platform and provides a unique legal framework for international energy co-operation among the producing, consuming and transit countries aiming at enhancing energy supply security. Turkey attaches utmost importance to the EC Secretariat's activities in this regard.

Being one of the significant contributors (in the top 10) of the annual budget of the Secretariat, Turkey actively takes part among other things in the Energy Charter's recent initiative which aims at reaching out to new members. We believe that these activities of Turkey will as well add value to the visibility of the Organization and create a reliable, legal and political framework for energy investments in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region on the basis of the Energy Charter Treaty (CONEXO).

We deem very important the efficient functioning of the Energy Charter. However, one of the members of the ECT is relentlessly politicizing this technical platform and hijacking the agenda. This same member is also pursuing unilateral actions in the Eastern Mediterranean in relation to hydrocarbon exploration activities, not taking into account the equal and inherent rights of both communities on the Island of Cyprus.

Accordingly, we would like to inform Your Excellency that Turkey is not in a position to approve the appointment of Mr. George Shammass as the Chair of the Investment Group, and we would as well request the Secretariat to disseminate this letter to the members of the ECT.

Please accept, Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Selim YENEL
Ambassador
Permanent Delegate

H.E. Ambassador Urban Rusnák
Secretary General
of the Energy Charter Secretariat