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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Appointment of the Vice-Chairperson of the Strategy Group

By CC document 483, dated 15 January 2014, delegations were invited to approve the appointment as Vice-Chairperson of the Strategy Group of Ms. Carmen-Sofía Sanz Estébanez. As specified by Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure (CC 53 Corr. 2) concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, members of the Energy Charter Conference were informed that any delegation that wished to object to this proposal should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 5 February 2014.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, the Secretariat would like to inform delegations of the appointment of Ms. Carmen-Sofía Sanz Estébanez as Vice-Chairperson of the Strategy Group, being effective as of 5 February 2014 (as confirmed by Message 1056).

Keywords: Appointment, Vice-Chairperson, Strategy Group, Carmen-Sofía Sanz Estébanez

Annex I

MINISTERIO
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ALBERTO NADAL BELDA
SECRETARIO DE ESTADO
DE ENERGÍA

Mr. Urban Rusnák
Secretary General
Energy Charter Secretariat

Madrid, 4 December 2013

Dear Secretary General,

In the adoption of the Rome Statement in December 2009 and the Roadmap for the Modernization of the Energy Charter Process in 2010 the members of the Energy Charter Treaty clearly expressed that the Energy Charter Process must reflect new developments and challenges in international energy markets and respond to significant changes across its constituency. Bearing in mind that the principles and rules of the Energy Charter Treaty remain valid, formal discussions on the process, as agreed in Warsaw during the 23rd Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference, are being conducted in the scope of the Strategy Group. Spain is following these discussions very closely.

On the occasion of the coming 24th Conference delegations will be invited to approve the negotiation mandate for updating the European Energy Charter, so the Strategy Group will be mandated to start negotiations in view of this updating. Other relevant issues will also be addressed in the meetings of the Strategy Group.

Considering that there is a vacancy in the Strategy Group for the Vice-Chair position, we kindly ask you to consider Ms. Carmen Sofía Sanz Estébanez from my services as a candidate for the mentioned position.

Ms. Sanz is currently in charge of Energy Charter issues, as the Spanish delegate in Investment, Trade and Transit and Strategy Groups. Thus, she is particularly involved in the modernization of the Energy Charter process and she is very familiar with it. The way she is following these matters and her commitment with this specific area of her work is very remarkable and very useful for our Secretary of State. I am convinced that Ms. Sanz would carry out an excellent work as Vice-Chair of the Strategy Group.

Sincerely



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2012: International Energy Affairs: Secretary of State for Energy (Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism)

- Bilateral relations with third countries and international organizations
- EU external energy policy
- ECT: Spanish representative (Investment, Trade and Transit and Strategy)

2007-2012: Head of Service for Foreign Trade: Secretary of State for Trade (Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness)

- Negotiations (EU Free Trade Agreements - Agro-Food sector)
- Trade exchange mechanisms and horizontal questions - Management Committee for the Common Organization of agricultural markets - : Spanish delegate
- Management Committee for Non Annex I goods: Spanish delegate (alternate)

2006: European Social Found Program – CAM: Technical advice

2005-2006: Private sector (Assist Card Spain: International Administration Department)

1997-2004: Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain): Researcher and Assistant professor (Political Science – International Issues and Public International Law)

1995-1996: Iberia: (Communication Department)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2005: Specialization in Foreign Trade (C.A.M.)

1999-2000: Political Science and International Studies programs (SciencesPo- France)

1998-1999: Political Science (Université de Louvain - Belgium)

1994-1996: Doctorate Studies (International Issues and Public International Law)

1990-1994: Bachelor in Communication Science

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Mother tongue: Spanish
Other languages: English: Fluent
French: Fluent
German: Elementary proficiency