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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Approval of Palestine's request to become a Signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter

During the Nicosia Conference last December 2013 and during the recent negotiations on the UEC on 29 April 2014, Palestine (an observer by invitation since November 2008) informed the Secretary General of its intention to sign the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter. 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 not later than 24 June 2014. At the request of a number of Member states, which were received before the expiration of the original time limit, the Chairperson of the Conference (based on his discretion as specified in Rule 20.d of the Rules of Procedure) extended the time limit for receipt of responses to 24 July 2014.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 24 July 2014:

Acting pursuant to Section VIII of the Final Act of the European Energy Charter Conference, the Energy Charter Conference **approves** the application of the Government of the State of Palestine to subscribe to the Concluding Document of The Hague Conference on the European Energy Charter. The Conference, furthermore, **invites** the Government of the Netherlands, as Depositary, to make appropriate arrangements for implementing this decision.

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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 State of Palestine 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 State of Palestine to proceed with the accession to the Energy Charter Treaty and **invites** the Secretariat to assist the Government of the State of Palestine in this respect.