

Bucharest Conclusions on Capacity Building in Energy Efficiency

Resulting from the International Conference “Delivering Energy Efficiency” on 23 May 2007, co-organized by the Romanian Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Energy Charter Secretariat

- Given the growing importance that improving energy efficiency throughout the energy cycle, from production to end use plays in increasing energy security, in addressing climate change world wide and in supporting economic growth
- Taking into account the political attention given to the energy efficiency in various international foras such as stated in the G8 Saint-Petersburg Declaration
- Having regard to the provisions of the Energy Charter Treaty and of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA), notably those requiring contracting parties “to establish specialized energy efficiency bodies at appropriate levels, that are sufficiently funded and staffed to develop and implement policies” and understanding the necessity to reflect new experiences and challenges in the Energy Charter process
- Acknowledging that institutional arrangements have to take into account both the political priority given to energy efficiency and the national circumstances relevant to the development and implementation energy efficiency policies and measures
- Given the need to cope with the requirements of developing and implementing Energy Efficiency laws and regulations throughout the Energy Charter constituency

It is important to take action in the following areas:

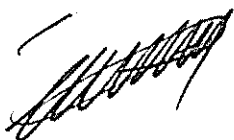
- Strengthen the institutional capacity of developing and implementing energy efficiency policies and measures at Governmental level in order to stimulate energy efficiency improvements throughout the energy cycle, from production to end-use
- Increase if needed the coordination between institutions responsible for improving energy efficiency, those responsible for improving the environment and addressing climate change, and those in charge of economic development and restructuring in the various sectors of the economy, both at national and local level

- Stimulate the market for energy efficiency services, including consultancy, professional training, energy auditing and financing of energy efficiency improvements in industry and in the residential sector
- Stimulate capacity building of local and regional authorities to develop activities and measures for improving energy efficiency both at the level of infrastructure and of end-users
- Foster international cooperation and agreements on energy efficiency issues in order to increase the effectiveness of global efforts towards promoting energy efficiency which are complementary to national or regional energy efficiency policies.
- Review periodically and exchange information on institutional developments and successful approaches to strengthening the development and implementation capacity for energy efficiency programmes both at national and local level.

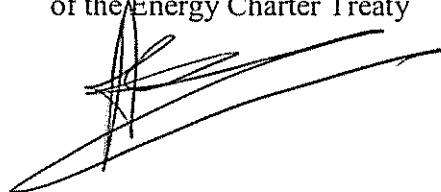
The above conclusions are submitted to the Energy Charter PEEREA Group for following up in the framework of the Energy Charter process.

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