



## DUSHANBE DECLARATION ON PROMOTING REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COOPERATION BETWEEN CENTRAL AND SOUTH ASIA

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The Task Force on Promoting Regional Electricity Cooperation between Central and South Asia, comprising delegations from Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Tajikistan

**Recalling** the Bishkek Declaration agreed on 26 of April 2007 and the Kabul Declaration, agreed on 18 November 2007;

**Stressing** the necessity to develop and intensify cross-border electricity trade between Central Asian countries and with South Asia;

**Understanding** the importance of the Energy Charter Treaty in facilitating mutually beneficial and balanced cross-border trade among the states participating in this event;

**Welcoming** the work of organisations such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Islamic Development Bank in facilitating cross-border cooperation and projects in electricity, OSCE on Management of the water and Energy Nexus in Central Asia and CIS Electric Power Council;

**Encouraged** by the progress made by participating countries in the development of regional electricity projects;

**Considering** the need to establish a legal, regulatory and technical framework for secure and sustainable regional cross-border trade of energy and electricity in particular and to attract the investments needed to develop the infrastructure necessary for this trade;

**Acknowledging** the work undertaken to date by the Energy Charter Secretariat to adapt the Energy Charter's Pipeline Model Agreements to cross-border electricity projects;

**Recognising** the need for further elaboration on operational agreements for a sustainable and secure regional power trade based on the principles of the Energy Charter Treaty.

### **RECOMMEND:**

**Continuing** the work of this Task Force as a forum for discussion on regional power trade including technical, regulatory and legal issues pertaining to power generation, transmission and trade between the countries of Central Asia and with South Asia;

**Working** towards reaching a joint understanding of the legal, regulatory and technical framework for power trade between Central Asian countries and with South Asia based on the Energy Charter Treaty and towards the development of Model Agreements for electricity.

**Accepting** the invitation of the Government of Uzbekistan to organize the next meeting of this Task Force in Tashkent in the autumn of 2008;

**Aiming** towards holding a ministerial level meeting to adopt recommendations made by the participating countries at the Task Force level.