



## ULANBAATAAR DECLARATION ON PROMOTING REGIONAL ENERGY COOPERATION

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The Task Force on Promoting Regional Electricity Cooperation between Central and South Asia, established under the Bishkek Declaration and comprising of representatives from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan,

**Recalling** the Bishkek Declaration agreed on 26 of April 2007, the Kabul Declaration, agreed on 18 November 2007, the Dushanbe Declaration agreed on 23 April 2008, the Almaty Declaration agreed on 21 April 2009, and the Ashgabat Declaration agreed on 18 November 2009;

**Welcoming** the participation of China, Japan, Mongolia and Republic of Korea in this forum;

**Stressing** the importance of the Energy Charter Treaty in facilitating mutually beneficial and balanced cross-border trade based on the principles of the Energy Charter;

**Understanding** the necessity to develop and intensify cross-border energy cooperation, considering the uniqueness of each country as well as the common interests of all parties;

**Recognising** the need for attracting investments to develop adequate cross-border energy trade and transit infrastructure;

**Considering** the measures taken by the participating countries for creation of common energy markets;

**Emphasizing** the benefits of this Task Force, as a neutral forum promoting exchange of information, open discussions, knowledge sharing and development of common goals for enhanced cooperation;

**Recognising** the need for development of model guidelines for energy related investment negotiations;

**Encouraged** by increased interest of new countries willing to join the Energy Charter Process; and

**Acknowledging** the financial support provided by the Government of Norway to facilitate the efforts of the Energy Charter Secretariat in promoting cooperation between Central, South and East Asia,

### **RECOMMEND:**

**Continuing** the work of this Task Force as a forum for discussion on regional energy cooperation between the members of the Energy Charter Process, including the observer countries;

**Altering** the geographical scope of this Task Force to enhance the possibilities for broader energy cooperation;

**Working** towards reaching a joint understanding on legal, regulatory and technical frameworks for cross-border energy transit and trade;

**Proposing** to the Energy Charter Conference to elaborate a road map for the development of model investment agreements for investing in energy sectors, based on the principles of the Energy Charter;

**Proposing** future meetings in different parts of the Energy Charter Constituency, interested in sharing the knowledge on the best practice examples;

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