ASHGABAT ENERGY CHARTER FORUM
“Reliable and Stable Transit of Energy”
9 December 2014
followed by the International Meeting of Experts, 10-11 December 2014
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan:
Hotel Oguzkent, Ashgabat, Bitaraplyk Ave. 231

Programme

Opening Session – Setting the scene
- Welcoming remarks
  Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan
  Urban Rusnak, Secretary General, Energy Charter
  Ivan Vrdoljak, Minister of Economy, Croatia
  Ervand Zabaryan, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Armenia
  Halil Yurdakul Yigitgöden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

First Session – Gas producer’s perspective
- Moderator: Yagshigeldy Kakayev, Director, State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources at the President of Turkmenistan
  Jambulat Sarsenov, Vice-Chairman, Energy Charter Conference
  Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President for the Energy Union, European Commission (Video address)
  Wang Zhongcai, Vice president, CNPC Exploration & Development Company (CNODC)
  Azizollah Ramazani, Manager of International Affairs in National Iranian Gas Company (NIGC) and Chairman of board in National Iranian Gas Export Company (NIGEC)
  Parviz Garibzade, Senior Advisor of the Minister of Energy, Azerbaijan
- Discussion –

Second Session – Transit of energy resources: problems and benefits
- Moderator: Halil Yurdakul Yigitgöden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
  Mārtiņš Lazdovskis, State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Latvia (incoming EU Presidency)
  Kaigeldy Kabyldin, General Director, KazTransOil JSC
  Kubanychev Turdubaev, Minister of Energy and Industry, Kyrgyz Republic
  Teimuraz Gochitasubili, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation
  Seyed Jalaledin Alavi, Deputy Secretary General, Economic Cooperation Organisation
  Reha A. Muratoglu, Head, Transit Petroleum Pipelines Department, Ministry of Energy, Turkey
- Discussion –
Third Session – Diversification of sources and consumers’ options
  - Moderator: Kanat Botbaev, Expert, Energy Charter Secretariat

Sinava Souphanouwong, Vice Minister of Energy and Mines, Lao PDR
T. V. Nagendra Prasad, Ambassador of India to Turkmenistan
Inam Ullah, Section Officer, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Pakistan
Hu Chunyu, Division Director, The Pipeline Company “Central Asia China” of CNPC
  - Discussion –

Closing ceremony

Baymurat Hojamuhamedov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Turkmenistan
Urban Rusnář, Secretary General, Energy Charter
Wednesday, 10 December 2014

10:00 Introductory remarks
Yagshigeldy Kakayev, Director, State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources at the President of Turkmenistan

Session 1 – Introduction and Objectives
- Objectives of UNGA Resolutions 67/263 and 63/210 “Reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation” and activities undertaken so far
- Adoption of the agenda and programme of work
- Conclusions from the Ashgabat Energy Charter Forum in view of the complementarities and mutual benefits for energy producing, transit and consuming countries from reliable and stable transit of energy
Moderator: Florian Encke, Senior Expert, Energy Charter Secretariat

Urban Rusnák, Secretary General, Energy Charter
Yagshigeldy Kakayev, Director, State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources at the President of Turkmenistan
Jacinta Barrins, UN Resident Coordinator

10:45 Session 2 - Special needs of energy producing, transit and consuming countries
- Exercising the sovereignty over resources in the interest of national development and well-being of the people
- Security of supply
- Access to energy as a precondition for sustainable development
- The special needs of land-locked countries
- Freedom of transit and the benefits for the transit country
Moderator: Muhammet Atayev, Director, Institute for Strategic Planning and Economic Development of the Ministry of Economy and Development of Turkmenistan

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegga, Programme Manager, International Energy Agency
Gurbuz Gonul, Senior Programme Officer, International Renewable Energy Agency
Denis Daniildis, Chargé d’affaires, European External Action Service
Danila Bochkarev, Fellow, East West Institute
- Discussion -

12:00 Session 3 – Existing mechanisms for international cooperation to ensure stable and reliable transit of energy

- A) Legal aspects: Multilateral Treaties, Intergovernmental Agreements, regulation, status of the Caspian Sea
Moderator: Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegga, Programme Manager, International Energy Agency

Muhammetnur Halylov, Minister of Oil and Gas Industry & Mineral Resources of Turkmenistan
Akeira Muto, Ambassador, Special Representative for Central Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
Carlos Enriquez, Minister Representative, Tax Administration Service of Mexico
Florian Encke, Senior Expert, Energy Charter Secretariat
Richard Tyler, Partner, Hogan Lovells  
Sergei Vinogradov, Professor, University of Dundee  
Nadiya Nychay, Counsel, Dentons  
- Discussion –

15:00  - B) Investment aspects: Investment climate, financing, international consortia, investing in a regulated market  
Moderator: Sergei Vinogradov, Professor, University of Dundee

Daniel Stein, Senior Advisor, US Department of State  
Nabil Khodadad, Co-Head, Project Finance, Vinson & Elkins LLP  
Emre Kalkan, Expert Assistant, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey  
Chris Cook, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Security & Resilience Studies, University College London  
- Discussion –

- C) Operational aspects: Securing energy transit, operating a multinational pipeline, dispute settlement  
Moderator: Kanat Botbaev, Expert, Energy Charter Secretariat

Miroslav Jenca, Head, UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)  
Nils Andreas Masvie, Vice President, DNV GL  
Thomas Dimitroff, Infrastructure Development Partnership LLP  
Christer Söderlund, Advokat / Partner, Vinge

Thursday, 11 December 2014
10:00  Session 4 – Issues left by existing mechanisms for international cooperation to ensure stable and reliable transit of energy: Legal, investment and operational aspects, critical elements for a renewed international mechanism

Introductory remarks and moderation: Yagshigeldy Kakayev, Director, State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources at the President of Turkmenistan  
- Short statements by national delegations

15:00  Session 5 – Follow-up: Ways to fill issues in existing mechanisms as part of the global policy agenda: contribution to the summary report to the UN General Assembly on possible modalities for international cooperation

Chair: Yagshigeldy Kakayev, Director, State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources at the President of Turkmenistan