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“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 Yigitgüden, 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 Yigitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities*

Mārtiņš Laždovskis, State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Latvia (incoming EU Presidency)
Kairgeldy Kabylidin, General Director, KazTransOil JSC
Kubanychbek Turdubaev, Minister of Energy and Industry, Kyrgyz Republic
Teimuraz Gochitashvili, 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 Souphanouvong, 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 Hojambayedov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Turkmenistan

Urban Rusnák, Secretary General, Energy Charter

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Provisional Agenda

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: Mubammed Atayev, Director, Institute for Strategic Planning and Economic Development of the Ministry of Economy and Development of Turkmenistan

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzege, 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-Antonie Eyl-Mazzege, Programme Manager, International Energy Agency

Mubammetnur Halyllov, Minister of Oil and Gas Industry & Mineral Resources of Turkmenistan

Akira 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 RLLP
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: Yagshygeldy 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: Yagshygeldi Kakayev, Director, State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resources at the President of Turkmenistan