Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Energy Charter Secretariat and the Energy Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences

The Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS) and the Energy Research Institute (ERI) of the Russian Academy of Sciences hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Based on the respective objectives of the organisations,

Aware of the increasing importance of education and research to attain a sustainable energy future,

Agree on the following:

Article 1. Objectives

- To strengthen cooperation between Parties through joint activities,
- To promote knowledge related to all energy matters,
- To support the knowledge sharing on the Energy Charter-related matters

Article 2. Implementation

The Parties will inform each other of any planned and current activities that could contribute to attaining the above-mentioned objectives.

The Parties will work together develop a program describing the joint activities to be carried out on a regular basis. This program and the subsequent joint activities will aim at covering the following aspects:

1. The Energy Research Institute will designate and the ECS’ Knowledge Centre will receive academic scholars whose research interests lie in the area of work of the Energy Charter Secretariat. These fellows will be invited to conduct their research at the premises of the ECS Knowledge Centre.

2. In accordance with the Secretariat’s internal rules and its access policy on documents, researchers of the Energy Research Institute will be allowed to make use of the Secretariat’s archives, physical and online library for studies on an ad hoc basis.

3. The Parties will aim at organising conferences, seminars and training programs for young researchers on Energy Charter-related issues.

4. The Energy Research Institute will designate a representative to the Academic Advisory Panel of the Knowledge Centre.
This Memorandum of Understanding does not impose on either Party the obligation of exclusive cooperation with the other Party.

**Article 3. Execution and follow-up mechanism**

Each Party shall appoint a representative who will be responsible for implementing this Memorandum of Understanding and its related programs. The representatives will develop the means of cooperation, endeavour to secure the funding that is needed for the execution, and provide suitable suggestions and recommendations.

**Article 4. Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either of the Parties after thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the other Parties. Such termination does not affect the contracts already concluded with researchers by either Party under this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article 5. Amendments**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the consent of the both Parties. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and be effective as of the date designated by the both Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding was signed in [Moscow] on 15/03/2013 in two originals in English and is effective from this date.

For the Energy Charter Secretariat

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For the Energy Research Institute

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