



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between

The Research Institute for Energy Management & Planning -University of Tehran (hereinafter referred to as RIEMP), is a public and academic institution incorporated under the laws of the Islamic Republic of Iran and having its registered Head Office on Ghods Street, opposite to University of Tehran on the corner of Bozorgmehr Street, No. 9.

And

The Energy Charter Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as ECS) is an intergovernmental organization with its headquarters located on Boulevard de la Woluwe, 56, B-1200 Brussels, Belgium.

Who have agreed to cooperate as follows:

1. RIEMP and ECS, based on their respective objectives and aware of the increasing importance of research, education, training, management, planning, regional petroleum & energy (electricity) markets, pricing & tariffs, transit & transportation, investment incentives, laws & regulations as well as other related matters and knowledge-sharing in the field of petroleum and energy (electricity), seek to promote relations and to enhance their synergies by participating in common activities, projects and initiatives.
2. In particular, the parties aforesaid aim to:
 - a) Strengthen cooperation through joint activities.
 - b) Promote knowledge related to the Energy Charter Treaty, energy policy and investment protection.
 - c) Support knowledge sharing with respect to Energy Charter-related matters.
3. The parties therefore consider it appropriate to approve this MOU and define the following initial activities of collaboration:
 - a) **Research** - ECS agrees to host at its headquarters in Brussels (for a period from one week up to two months at no cost to ECS and subject to space availability) RIEMP academics and post-graduate students to research Energy Charter-related areas of work. In follow up, RIEMP post-graduate researchers /students may also participate in internships or similar programs at the Energy Charter Secretariat and earn academic credits as a result of participation in such programs. The award of such credits should be based on effective evaluation of the internship by both parties



and be met with the approval of their mainstay academic institution. Time stints spent at ECS can be renewed at the mutual consent of both parties

- b) **Events** - The Parties will convene and promote joint events in appropriate areas of mutual interest and in line with the spirit of this MOU. Such events may take place in Brussels, Tehran or other locations but should focus on areas relevant to the annual program of work of The Parties, or other relevant areas of joint interest. Such events should focus on energy-related matters and be conducted in a scientific atmosphere.
 - c) **Joint Knowledge Transfer and Collaboration.** The Parties aim to exchange relevant knowledge through publications and other relevant forms of learning. The Parties will also seek to include a member of each party in research/academic and training activities that either party may be organising.
 - d) **Library and Archives Access:** The Parties agree to provide access to non-restricted available information resources and publications to their staff, researchers, students and trainees.
4. **Each party** shall appoint a representative who will be responsible for implementing this MOU and its related activities. The representatives will develop means of cooperation and provide suitable proposals and recommendations.
 5. **This MOU** does not oblige either party to make financial contributions. The development of joint (or individual) projects within this framework of cooperation shall be subject to assessment of budgetary availability by each party and its respective review and approval.
 6. **This MOU** may be amended with the consent of either, or both, of the parties and proposed amendments shall be made in writing. Amendments will take effect from a mutually agreed implementation date.
 7. **This Memorandum of Understanding** will enter into effect on the date on which the last party signs it. It will be valid for five (5) years and will be renewable automatically for the same period. Either party may unilaterally terminate the MOU upon presenting thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party or by mutual agreement in writing, provided always that termination shall not affect activities conducted under the MOU which commenced before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, and continued after the expiration date.
 8. **None** of the contents of this MOU hold any legally binding character and none of the aforementioned text places any liability on either of The Parties with respect to any legal obligation.
 9. All communications and documents between the parties will be conducted in English.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, has duly signed in Brussels this MOU in English in two original copies on 12th May 2017.

For and on behalf of:

Seyed Farid Ghaderi, PhD
President
Seyed Hossein Iranmanesh, PhD

RIEMP- University of Tehran

Amb. Urban Rusnák

Secretary General

Energy Charter Secretariat

Witnessed by Davood Manzoor

