



Joint Declaration between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Energy Charter Secretariat

1. **The Government of the Republic of Serbia:**
   a) recalls that the Republic of Serbia is a signatory to the Concluding Document of The Hague Convention on the European Energy Charter;
   b) welcomes the decision of the Energy Charter Treaty member states to invite her to proceed with accession procedures to the Energy Charter Treaty;
   c) believes that Republic of Serbia's membership to the Energy Charter Treaty will facilitate the Government's aim for Republic of Serbia to become an energy corridor and to maximize cheap, secure and sustainable energy supplies for its citizens;
   d) further believes that membership to the Energy Charter Treaty will enhance the Republic of Serbia's cooperation with the member states of the Energy Charter Treaty in the energy sector;
   e) attaches particular importance to cooperating with the Energy Charter Treaty member states in the area of cross-border projects and energy efficiency;
   f) acknowledges the complementary nature of the country's memberships to the Energy Charter Treaty and the European Community Treaty and
   g) also acknowledges that membership to the Energy Charter Treaty is a necessary condition for the country's future membership to the European Union.

2. **The Energy Charter Secretariat:**
   a) welcomes the Government of the Republic of Serbia's commitment to acceding to the Energy Charter Treaty;
   b) acknowledges the central role of the Republic of Serbia in the successful implementation of the various cross-border regional energy projects and,
   c) assures the Government of the Republic of Serbia of its readiness to assist in the fullest extent possible.

For the Government of the Republic of Serbia

Minister of Mining and Energy

For the Energy Charter Secretariat

The Secretary-General