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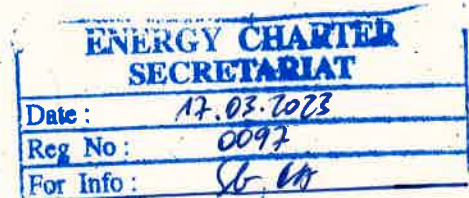
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**Subject: Denial of the advantages of part III of the ECT**

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Dear Excellencies,

As you are aware, the Russian Federation signed the Energy Charter Treaty ("ECT") on 17 December 1994, but did not ratify it. On 6 August 2009, the Russian Federation has publicly announced that it would not ratify, but withdraw from the ECT.

Against this background and for the sake of good order, the Federal Republic of Germany hereby informs that it exercises its right under Article 17 ECT and denies the advantages of Part III of the ECT to:

- i. any legal entity owned or controlled by citizens or nationals of the Russian Federation and without any substantial business activities in the Area of the Contracting Party in which it is organized (Article 17.1 ECT); and



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- ii. any Investment within the meaning of the ECT which is an Investment of an Investor as defined in Article 1.7 lit. b ECT of the Russian Federation (Article 17.2 lit. b ECT).

Also for the sake of good order, we ask his Excellency the Secretary-General of the Energy Charter Secretariat kindly to circulate this note to the other Contracting Parties of the ECT.

Yours sincerely,  
For the Minister