

**Summary Document of the High-Level Side Event:
"Promoting sustainable energy and clean energy transition in Central Asia"**

We, the participants of the side event on "Promoting sustainable energy and clean energy transition in Central Asia", gathered in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, on 4 November 2021 with the attendance of high-level representatives from countries of Central Asia and the European Union, international organisations and private sector,

- *Acknowledging* the importance of the international energy cooperation for the accelerated delivery of the Sustainable Development Agenda and transition to green recovery,
- *Recognising* the essential role of energy in strengthening EU-Central Asia relations to promote sustainable development, facilitate trade and develop sound regulatory frameworks,
- *Emphasising* that energy investments are key to achieving countries' commitments to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement in line with their goals and principles,
- *Taking into account* the discussions held on sustainable energy, energy transition, regional energy cooperation and connectivity and underlining the need to enhance cooperation among national, regional and global institutions,
- *Expressing* gratitude to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, the International Energy Charter and the United Nations Development Programme in the Kyrgyz Republic for the support provided for convening this meeting.

Adopt the following conclusions:

1. We recognise the challenges the energy systems of Central Asia are facing in terms of modernising energy infrastructure and transition to clean energy in line with their national priorities and needs require substantial investments and a sound business environment,
2. We underline the importance of enhancing intra-regional and inter-regional energy cooperation, facilitating interconnectivity and promoting market integration to ensure energy security and sustainable development.
3. We acknowledge the value of the EU technologies and know-how in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and regulatory frameworks to develop Central Asia's untapped renewable and energy efficiency potential and support ongoing efforts to reform and decarbonise energy systems.
4. We highlight the importance of sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learnt and developing adequate financing and technical assistance instruments to promote sustainable energy with the participation of international and regional organisations, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders.
5. We encourage the participants of the "Transition to green recovery" session to strengthen and promote inter-regional and intra-regional energy cooperation and establish a dedicated platform for energy dialogue under the EU-Central Asia Economic Forum.

Done in Bishkek on 4 November 2021