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Subject: Report by the Chairperson of the Strategy and Implementation Group

The Energy Charter Conference at the Statutory Session of its 36th Meeting, held on 19 December 2025, took note of the attached Report by the Chairperson of the Strategy and Implementation Group.

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REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

This report provides an overview of the Strategy and Implementation Group's activities in 2025. The Energy Charter Conference will be invited to take note of this report at its 36th Meeting on 19 December 2025.

The Strategy and Implementation Group was chaired in 2025 by Ms. Klara Rakhmetova (Kazakhstan).

Meetings of the Strategy and Implementation Group in 2025

1. In 2025, the Strategy and Implementation Group convened two meetings, held on 13 May and 15 October. Both meetings were conducted by videoconference and were open exclusively to Members of the Energy Charter Conference (Conference).

2. At its first meeting on 13 May 2025, the Group considered, inter alia: (i) the cooperation of the Energy Charter Secretariat (Secretariat) with other international organisations; (ii) an update on the Secretariat's Depositary functions for the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA) assumed as of 2 February 2025, in accordance with Conference Decisions CCDEC 2024 16 GEN and CCDEC 2025 01 GEN; (iii) the modernisation of the ECT, including the status of ratification of the amendments; and (iv) implementation matters relating to energy investment, energy transit, and energy efficiency. In addition, Members of the Conference were invited to indicate their willingness to assume the Chairmanship of the Conference for the years 2025, 2026, and 2027.

3. At its second meeting on 15 October 2025, the Group agreed to postpone substantive consideration of the agenda items to a later date.

Issues for Consideration in 2026

4. In light of the postponement of agenda items at the Group's meeting on 15 October 2025, the outstanding matters should be addressed in 2026. These matters are important for guiding the strategic direction of the Conference and the Secretariat and for streamlining activities to facilitate and review the implementation of the ECT. The agenda items pending discussion within the Group include, inter alia: (i) the modernisation of the ECT, including the status of ratification of the amendments; (ii) standard provisions on the conduct of conciliation and the compensation of conciliators in disputes concerning sustainable development provisions between Contracting Parties; (iii) the de-restriction of documents related to the modernisation process and the application of the policy on access to *travaux préparatoires*; (iv) an update on the Secretariat's Depositary functions; and (v) the prioritisation of activities on energy investment, energy transit, energy efficiency, the Industry Advisory Panel in accordance with the Conclusions of the Review under Article 34(7) of the ECT conducted in 2024 (CCDEC 2024 20 STR).

The Group's discussion next year could provide another opportunity to update Members of the Conference on the status of the Chairmanship for 2026–2028 and to encourage their active participation in this regard.