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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference (Chairmanship)

By document CC 618 Rev dated 26 October 2018, the Energy Charter Conference was invited to approve the following amendment (in red below) to Rule 13 A of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference:

The Chairmanship of the Conference shall be held for a term of one calendar year. Each year, the Conference shall approve **by consensus** a list of future Chairmanships of the Conference covering at least the following three years and on the basis of equitable geographical rotation. **The Conference shall consider only nominations received by the Secretariat before the 1st of July of each year. In the case there are more than one candidate for a particular year, the Conference shall make every effort to reach agreement by consensus. If agreement cannot be reached by consensus, the decision should be taken by a simple majority of the Contracting Parties whose representatives are present and voting by secret ballot in the Conference. The Chair of the Conference may also decide that this decision should be taken by correspondence (in which case Rule 19.c will apply).**

As specified by Rule 19(b) of the Rules of Procedure concerning the adoption of decisions by correspondence, members of the Energy Charter Conference were informed that any delegation that wished to object to this decision should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 14 November 2018.

Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 14 November 2018, the Conference approved, with immediate effect, the above mentioned amendment to Rule 13 A of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference.

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