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**Subject:** Energy Charter Treaty – Notification by Australia of its intention not to become a Contracting Party to the Energy Charter Treaty and to the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environment Aspects

Regarding the subject above, I have the honour to inform you that, on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021, Australia notified the Government of the Portuguese Republic, in its capacity as Depository of the Energy Charter Treaty, of its intention not to become a Contracting Party to the Energy Charter Treaty and to the Energy

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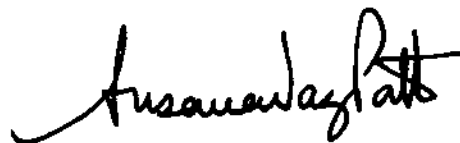
Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environment Aspects, both signed in Lisbon, on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1994.

Australia further declared that it does not consider itself bound, provisionally or otherwise, by any provision of the Energy Charter Treaty upon the expiration of 60 days from the date on which this notification is received by the Depositary.

Under Article 45, paragraph 2, subparagraph c) and Article 45, paragraph 3, subparagraph a), the termination of provisional application for Australia shall take effect on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December of 2021.

Yours sincerely,

The Director of the Department of Legal Affairs



Susana Vaz Patto



WHEREAS Australia is a signatory to the *Energy Charter Treaty*, done at Lisbon on 17 December 1994, and to the *Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects*, done at Lisbon on 17 December 1994;

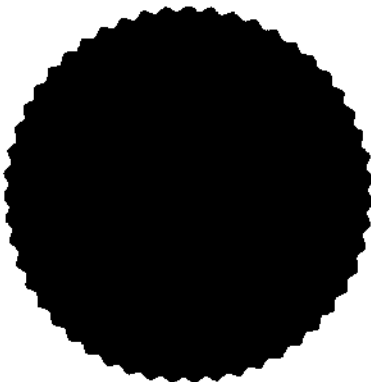
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, for and on behalf of Australia, hereby DECLARES that it intends not to become a Contracting Party to the *Energy Charter Treaty*, signed on 17 December 1994 in Lisbon.

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA further DECLARES, for and on behalf of Australia, that it intends not to become a Contracting Party to the *Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects*, signed on 17 December 1994 in Lisbon.

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA further DECLARES, for and on behalf of Australia, that Australia does not consider itself bound, provisionally or otherwise, by any provision of the *Energy Charter Treaty* upon the expiration of 60 days from the date on which this notification is received by the Depositary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MARISE ANN PAYNE, Minister for Foreign Affairs, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.

DONE at CANBERRA this, 24<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER  
two thousand and twenty-one.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marise Ann Payne".

Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Women