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DECISION OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE

Subject: Adoption by correspondence - Multilateral Framework Agreement on Energy Transit

By document CC 603, dated 3 November 2017, the Conference was invited to approve a draft conference decision related to the Multilateral Framework Agreement on Energy Transit. 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 proposal should notify the Secretariat of its position in writing by 23 November 2017. Having received no objections within the specified time limit, on 23 November 2017 the Conference approved the proposed decision:

Following the request of the Conference in 2016, the Implementation Group throughout 2017 continued consultations on a Multilateral Framework Agreement of Energy Resources.

*The Energy Charter Conference **acknowledges** the work done by the Implementation Group and the Secretariat to identify specific needs and difficulties related to energy transit as well as to propose alternative solutions.*

*Taking into account the decision of the Implementation Group, the lack of political will to reset negotiations on a Multilateral Framework Agreement on Energy Transit, and the interest to focus instead on a set of soft law instruments to address transit issues, the Conference **requests** the Secretariat to prepare the groundworks for further discussions on:*

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-) *Good governance/declaration on access to infrastructure and conditions for refusal;*
-) *Guiding principles on transit tariffs;*
-) *Update of the Model Agreements for Cross-border Pipelines and Electricity projects.*

*The Conference also **invites** interested delegations to continue policy dialogue on energy transit and to designate relevant entities to the technical sub-group to support the Implementation Group on transit issues.*