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Subject: Energy Charter Fellowship Programme 2018

The purpose of this message is to inform delegations of the open call for fellowships at the Energy Charter Secretariat. The Fellowship Programme is intended to facilitate research on the Energy Charter Treaty and on the Energy Charter Process. Associated costs, if not financed through voluntary contributions, will be covered by the current budget, in particular under budget item 'Consultants'.

For information of delegations, below is a short description of the Terms of Reference for the Fellowship Programme and the topics offered for these short-term assignments. This information will also be made available on the Secretariat's website.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Terms of Reference for the Energy Charter Fellowship Programme

The Secretariat may offer research fellowships for academics from educational institutions and think tanks to contribute to the work of the Energy Charter Secretariat on the study of topics where the Secretariat lacks the necessary in-house capacity or expertise. Their assignment to the Energy Charter Secretariat should be supported by their current employer.

An excellent knowledge of English, a strong educational background in their field of expertise and the ability to work within an international environment, are essential requirements.

Fellows are expected to produce a Final Report in English at the end of the fellowship and subsequently to deposit with the Energy Charter Secretariat any publication resulting from the work undertaken during their fellowship. Any intellectual property rights remain with the Secretariat.

The length of a fellowship shall normally be three months. Fellowships may be extended up to six months if justified by the specific needs of the Energy Charter Secretariat, and based on performance criteria.

Fellows shall act impartially and shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority external to the Secretariat.

While the Secretariat can provide visa support, the responsibility for obtaining the necessary residence permit rests with the Fellow, who shall be responsible for obtaining the necessary entry visa and/or residence permit, as well as appropriate health care insurance.

Fellows will be entitled to a monthly subsistence allowance of Euro 2,000 from the Secretariat, which is intended to cover living costs in Belgium. If the Final Report is deemed by the Secretariat to be of good publishable quality an additional lump sum of Euro 1,500 may be

granted. Should the Fellow fail to submit a Final Report he or she will be required to reimburse 10% of the sum received. Travel expenses on taking up duty and on leaving will be covered by the Secretariat using the most economical means and route. Fellows continue to be employed by their academic institute during the fellowship period.

Open Call for Applications to the Energy Charter Fellowship Program

The Energy Charter Secretariat has opened a call for the research fellowship listed below. Interested candidates who fit the eligibility criteria as indicated in the Terms of Reference above are invited to send their applications for, together with their CV and a cover letter, to fellowship@encharter.org by **20 May 2018**.

FELLOWSHIP OFFERED

Update of the Model Agreements

In accordance with the Activity 1 of the Secretariat's Programme of Work for 2018-2019, the Conference requested the Secretariat to develop a set of soft law instruments to address specific needs of the constituency related to secure and reliable cross-border energy flows, including update of the Model Agreements for Cross-border Pipelines and Electricity Projects.

In order to prepare the groundworks for the update of the Model Agreements, a fellow, under the supervision of the Head of Transit Unit, and in cooperation with and input from the Legal Assistant of the Secretariat and the Legal Advisory Task Force (LATF), will:

- i) Analyse and research prevailing international practices worldwide in order to incorporate best practices and lessons learned into a new edition of Model Agreements based on the previous work of the Secretariat carried out in this area, such task encompassing liaising with any other parties as circumstances may so require for purposes of this analysis and research;
- ii) Conceptualize and develop a list of risks, issues and challenges that could trigger delays or hinder development and implementation of pipeline projects;
- iii) Elaborate different policy options to address risks, challenges and issues mentioned;
- iv) Present the outcomes of the work to the Technical Subgroup on Transit Issues.

A background in international/energy law as well as knowledge and experience with Model Agreements are preferable for this fellowship.

Duration of the fellowship is 3 months. The fellowship is scheduled to commence on 1 June 2018. First draft report is expected on 20 July, with the final document to be ready by 31 August 2018.