



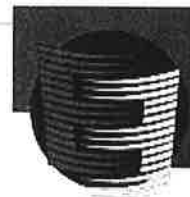
LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Secretariat of the International Energy Forum

and

The Secretariat of the Energy Charter Conference



Background

The **International Energy Forum Secretariat (IEFS)** mission is to support and enhance dialogue between energy consuming and producing countries at the level of Ministers within the framework of the International Energy Forum (IEF). The IEFS is an international governmental entity established in 2003, headquartered in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and funded by voluntary financial contributions from participating countries.

The global energy dialogue in the IEF has its focus on energy security as well as on the links between energy, environment and economic development. The 10th IEF Ministerial and the 2nd International Energy Business Forum (IEBF) took place in Doha, Qatar in April 2006 and gathered 59 countries, 6 international organizations and 32 major national and international energy companies.

In addition to assisting Host Country preparations for the biennial IEF Ministerials, the IEFS is also charged with providing other platforms to exchange views on energy issues. To this end, the Secretariat will collaborate with other international energy organizations and seek joint activities when appropriate.

The IEFS is co-ordinating the Joint Oil Data Initiative in co-operation with APEC, Eurostat, IEA, OLADE, OPEC and the UN.

The **Energy Charter Secretariat (ECS)** is the administrative body of the intergovernmental organization called the Energy Charter Conference (ECC). ECC is the governing body of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (together referred to as the Treaty) which were signed in December 1994 and entered into legal force in April 1998. To date the Treaty has been signed or acceded to by 52 members. Out of these 52 countries, 27 countries also participate in the IEF process.

The fundamental aim of the Treaty is to strengthen the rule of law on energy issues, by creating a level playing field of rules to be observed by all participating governments, thus minimizing the risks associated with energy-related investments and trade. Within the framework of the Treaty, ECS promotes the objectives of the ECC member states, which are desirous of improving security of energy supply and of maximizing the efficiency of production, conversion, transport, distribution and use of energy, to enhance safety and to minimize environmental impacts on an acceptable economic basis.

ECS' primary function is to monitor the implementation of the Treaty, which includes organizing and administering meetings of the ECC and its subsidiary bodies i.e. the Investment Group, the Trade and Transit Group, and the Energy Efficiency Group. ECS also provides analytical support and advice to the ECC and its subsidiary bodies on all aspects of the Energy Charter Treaty. ECS also represents the ECC in the development of its relations with non-member states and other relevant international organizations and institutions.

Purpose

The purpose of this Letter of Understanding is to strengthen the co-operative ties between the IEFS and ECS in their mutual endeavours to promote global, sustainable energy development and disseminate knowledge and awareness on energy related issues. The special focus of co-operation and joint efforts will be on the issues and activities related to energy security, energy trade and energy investments and links between energy, environment and economic development.

Implementation

For this purpose the IEFS and the ECS agree:

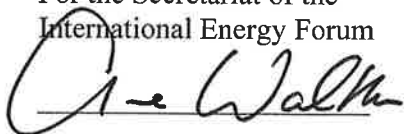
- 1) To inform each other on an annual basis of activity carried out and plans for the coming year with a view to agreeing on joint activities as appropriate,
- 2) To invite the other party to participate in relevant events and activities as appropriate,
- 3) To set up a special corner in their headquarter libraries for publications and information material of the other party,
- 4) To provide on either website a link to the website of the other party.

While the IEFS and ECS will consider expanding their co-operative ties beyond the specific activities mentioned in this Letter of Understanding, this Letter of Understanding does not oblige any party to work exclusively with the other and nothing therein shall be deemed to constitute a legal partnership or joint venture between the parties.

This Letter of Understanding may be terminated by written notice of either party.

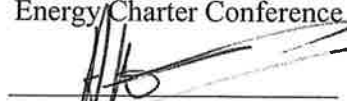
Done at *Brussels* on the *29th* day of, *November* in the year two thousand and seven.

For the Secretariat of the
International Energy Forum



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Secretary General

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Energy Charter Conference



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