

Remarks from Ambassador of Albania H.E Suela Janina on the 20th
Anniversary of the Energy Charter Treaty

17 December 2018

Dear Ambassador Rusnak, Secretary General of the Energy Charter

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to start by thanking you for giving me the distinct pleasure of addressing this ceremony on occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Energy Treaty Charter entry into force. It is the right time to express our congratulations to the Organisation, Members, the Secretariat of the ECT and the Secretary General for the achievements, the professional commitment and performance for two decades on developing energy cooperation amongst the states of Eurasia.

It is an honour to be here on behalf of the incoming country of Energy Charter Conference chairmanship. Modernisation process will be at the core of the Albanian presidency. We expect a successful EIRA 2019 report, a continuity of accession process for the ECT for the countries who had already been invited by the Conference and further discussion for the role of the International Energy Charter and the ECT in the Energy transition.

I trust the 30th Meeting of the Energy Charter Conference to be held in Tirana on 10-11 December 2019 will be an important milestone for the specific needs of the energy sector, for energy producers, consumers and transit countries. The Chairmanship will be an impetus for us to work for a clear mandate for the Energy Charter Treaty modernization and to collaborate for a successful meeting next year in Tirana.

The Energy Charter treaty must become resilient enough to respond to the new trends of the energy world — such as interconnected energy markets, energy efficiency deployment, new technologies deployment, investment in Clean energy solutions and supporting infrastructure, and the very important role the digital transformation is taking today in energy solutions and energy management.

It is on these exact rails that the Albanian chairmanship will build its priorities during 2019.

In summarized terms the Albanian Chairmanship priorities, which fall excellently on the Energy Charter context and principles, will be:

“Regional integrated and diversified energy system incorporating Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources, based on market principles, able to meet demand for energy and for sustainable development of the economies, ensuring security and quality of supply, environmental protection and climate action, and increased welfare at minimum social cost”.

- Albania Chairmanship will push on Regional Connectivity and Energy market development.
- Accelerating the Uptake of Renewables and support the growing efforts of member countries in creating frameworks conducive to renewable energy investments, by use of next-generation support measures for renewable energy deployment.
- We shall focus on the Continuation of the dialogue and cooperation with relevant international energy organizations and fora, as appropriate Community energy projects and energy cooperatives for the production of renewables continue to grow.
- Albania was the first Country in WB6 to have adopted a law that introduces a competition-oriented auction procedure for the allocation of future renewable energy capacities. Our experience can be valuable for developing countries to assess and implement these measure.
- Tackling energy and climate action effectively is a prerequisite for peaceful, prosperous societies in WB and around the Contracting Parties.
- The Chairmanship will seek to promote a global vision on the role the Charter could play in advancing the development of a low-carbon society.
- The Chairmanship will advocate the need to push the Energy efficiency agenda forward with focus on Transport, Energy Performance of Buildings and energy efficiency on central heating

The climate change is indifferent to national and sectoral boundaries. Therefore the climate protection strategies need to establish connections across all these divides. It is of paramount importance that we join and coordinate our actions on this regard.

With the support of the Energy charter secretariat, we shall push for a convergent approach for the international energy architecture, with interests and rules based on the contribution of all stakeholders, underpinned by a common understanding and observance of the rule of law.

Together with our partners we shall try to mediate between different perspectives and help develop dynamic new agendas, which can stand the test of time in a plural, and democratic society;

The Albanian Energy Charter Chairmanship with the assistance of the Energy charter secretariat, will continue enforcing the full observance of the ECT including the reliable and predictable cooperation in the energy sector.

The Chairmanship shall be discussing on ways to help governments provide their citizens with access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy services.

I trust on the commitment of the Albanian authorities, the active engagement of the Secretariat and the support of all Members, to put forward and achieve a successful Chairmanship for 2019.

Thank you for your attention.