

Brussels, 3 September 2024

**35<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ENERGY CHARTER CONFERENCE**

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At its 35th meeting, the Energy Charter Conference will be requested to adopt the attached decision to designate the Energy Charter Secretariat as a Depositary of the Energy Charter Treaty on an interim basis.

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The Contracting Parties to the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT)

Taking note of the withdrawal of the Portuguese Republic as a Contracting Party to the ECT effective on 2 February 2025,

Having regard to the notification of the Portuguese Republic of 7 March 2024 that the Government of the Portuguese Republic shall no longer perform the functions of the Depositary under Article 49 of the ECT after its withdrawal takes effect,

Recalling the amendment to Article 49 designating the Energy Charter Secretariat (Secretariat) as the Depositary of the ECT adopted by the 35th Energy Charter Conference (CCDEC [to be filled on the date of adoption]),

Have agreed as follows:

- (1) Pending the entry into force of the amendments to the ECT adopted on 3 December 2024 for any Contracting Party, the Secretariat shall carry out the functions of the Depositary of the ECT on an interim basis for each such Contracting Party as of 2 February 2025.
- (2) The Secretariat shall take all necessary measures to ensure the transition of the Depositary functions from the Government of the Portuguese Republic and assume these functions on an interim basis pursuant to paragraph (1) on 2 February 2025.