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**COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Note by the secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. The Work Plan on ECE Reform adopted by the Commission on 2 December 2005 specifically asks the Committee on Sustainable Energy, amongst other issues, to “improve cooperation with other relevant institutions, in particular the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the Energy Charter.”
2. This document has been prepared in response to that request and outlines cooperation by the UNECE via the Committee on Sustainable Energy with international organizations (Section I) and by other international organizations with the UNECE in the field of energy (Section II). Also included in this document, in Section III, is a listing of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that are cooperating with UNECE concerning activities under the Committee on Sustainable Energy or in whose activities UNECE has cooperated. Section IV describes the cooperation with regional/subregional groupings and initiatives.

I. COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

3. UNECE participated in the activities of the following organizations:
 - (a) United Nations Development Programme: UNDP Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Programme;
 - (b) United Nations Foundation (UNF) and United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP) in the field of climate change and energy efficiency; United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA) with respect to the follow-up to the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development, implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-15), and a potential capacity building workshop in 2008 focussing on the investment environment and foreign investment in the coal and power sectors in Central Asia;
 - (c) UN-Energy (the interagency mechanism on energy). UNECE regularly participates in UN-Energy meetings. In addition to past contributions, UNECE has provided specific inputs on financing energy efficiency and renewable energy investment, which have been included in the UN-Energy paper on bioenergy issued in 2007; and
 - (d) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific regarding energy efficiency projects and electricity networks in the Russian Federation, the Republics of Central Asia and the Republics of the Caucasus; and implementation of the project Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia (CAPACT).
4. UNECE also cooperated with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the application of the UN Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources and the harmonization of terminology for the evaluation of energy resources worldwide.
5. UNECE additionally cooperated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the activities of the UNECE Task Force on the Economic Benefits of Improving Mine Safety through Extraction and Use of Coal Mine Methane.

II. COOPERATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN UNECE ACTIVITIES

6. The European Commission participated in the following UNECE activities:
 - (a) Committee on Sustainable Energy, fifteenth session, 28 – 30 November 2006, Geneva;
 - (b) Working Party on Gas, seventeenth session, 23 – 24 January 2007, Geneva;
 - (c) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Coal and Other Fossil Fuels, Preparatory Meeting, 19 March 2007, Geneva; and

- (d) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, third session, 2 – 4 April 2007, Geneva.

7. The Energy Charter participated in the following UNECE activities:

- (a) Committee on Sustainable Energy, fifteenth session, 28 – 30 November 2006, Geneva;
- (b) Working Party on Gas seventeenth session, 23 – 24 January 2007, Geneva; and
- (c) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project, eighteenth session, 30 – 31 May 2007, Geneva.

8. The International Energy Agency (IEA) (including the IEA Clean Coal Centre (IEACCC) and the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme (IEAGHG)) participated in the following UNECE activities:

- (a) Committee on Sustainable Energy, fifteenth session, 28 – 30 November 2006, Geneva;
- (b) Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology, fourth session, 17 – 19 October 2007.

9. Cooperation and participation in UNECE meetings of the following organizations is also noted: Black Sea Region Energy Cooperation, Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Energy Charter, Eurasian Economic Community (EurAsEC), IAEA, IEA, International Energy Forum, Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States, ILO, International Organization for Standardization (ISO), North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, UN/DESA, United Nations Environment Programme (Geneva office), UNESCO – Regional Bureau for Science in Europe, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNF, UNFIP, United Nations Office for Project Services and The World Bank.

III. COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Intergovernmental organizations

- (a) Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum
- (b) Commonwealth of Independent States Interstate Euro-Asia Coal and Metal Community
- (c) Energy Charter
- (d) EurAsEC
- (e) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- (f) European Investment Bank
- (g) IEA

- (h) IEACCC
- (i) IEAGHG
- (j) International Energy Forum
- (k) Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States
- (l) Methane to Markets Partnership
- (m) NATO
- (n) OPEC
- (o) UNFCCC

Non-governmental organizations

- (a) Agency for Rational Energy Use and Ecology (ARENA ECO)
- (b) Alliance to Save Energy (ASE)
- (c) Black Sea Economic Co-operation (BSEC-PERMIS)
- (d) Black Sea Regional Energy Centre (BASREC)
- (e) Centre for Energy Efficiency (EnEffect)
- (f) Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER)
- (g) Energie Citès – Association of European Local Authorities
- (h) EUROHEAT
- (i) European Association for Coal and Lignite (EURACOAL)
- (j) European Business Congress (EBC)
- (k) European Federation of Geologists (EFG)
- (l) European Importers and Suppliers of Coal (EURISCOAL)
- (m) European LP Gas Association (AEGPL)
- (n) European Natural Gas Vehicles Association (ENGVA)
- (o) European Union of Natural Gas Industries (EUROGAS)
- (p) International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles (INGV)
- (q) International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP)
- (r) International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- (s) International Organization of Securities Commissions
- (t) International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers (IFIEC)
- (u) International Gas Union (IGU)
- (v) Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME)
- (w) OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD/NEA)
- (x) RUSDEM-Energeffect
- (y) Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)
- (z) World Coal Institute (WCI)
- (aa) World Energy Council (WEC)
- (bb) World LP Gas Association
- (cc) World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- (dd) World Petroleum Council (WPC)

10. In connection with the Gas Centre, cooperation took place with the European Union, Energy Charter, Eurogas, IGU, Association de l'Industrie de Gaz en France and OME.

11. In connection with the activities of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology and its activities to facilitate development of a global common code for energy reserves and resources classification and reporting, cooperation took place with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), Combined Reserves International Reporting Standards Committee (CRIRSCO), EFG, International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), IAEA, IEA, IGU, IOSCO, International Valuation Standards Committee (IVSC), OECD/NEA, OGP, OPEC, SPE, WEC and WPC.

IV. REGIONAL/SUBREGIONAL GROUPINGS, INITIATIVES AND ORGANIZATIONS

12. The Regional Advisor on Energy provides assistance to the Regional (inter-state) Programme of Rational and Efficient Use of Fuel and Energy Resources in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

13. The Regional Advisor on Energy also provides assistance to the Eurasian Economic Community in the area of energy balances.

14. The Energy Efficiency 21 Project (EE21) cooperates with the Regional Network for Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Southeast Europe (RENEUER) to promote the sustainable development of municipalities and regions through rational use of energy and water resources.

15. The UNECE cooperates with the Central European Initiative on energy efficiency issues. The work of the EE21 Project will be presented during a specific session at the CEI Summit Economic Forum (Sofia, 20-21 November 2007).
