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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 UNECE, through 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 list of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that cooperate with UNECE in 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 Global Environmental Facility 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, and the preparation of concept papers for projects of the seventh tranche of the United Nations Development Account (UNDA) ;
  - (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 energy efficiency related issues participating in the work of the energy efficiency cluster, which has been included in the UN-Energy contribution to the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention ( COP-14) in Poznan; and
  - (d) United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) regarding enhancing investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies for climate change mitigation and sustainable development in selected UNECE and ESCAP member countries for UNDA.
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.

## **II. COOPERATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN UNECE ACTIVITIES**

5. The European Commission participated in the following UNECE activities:
  - (a) Committee on Sustainable Energy, sixteenth session, 28-30 November 2007, Geneva;
  - (b) Nineteenth session of the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project, Conference on International Cooperation on Energy Efficiency: working together for a low-carbon economy, 28 May 2008, Geneva;
6. The Energy Charter participated in the following UNECE activities:
  - (a) Committee on Sustainable Energy, sixteenth session, 28-30 November 2007, Geneva;

- (b) Tenth session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation, 21-22 February 2008, Geneva; and
- (c) Nineteenth session of the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project, Conference on International Cooperation on Energy Efficiency: working together for a low-carbon economy, 28 May 2008, Geneva;

7. 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, sixteenth session, 28-30 November 2007, Geneva;
- (b) Tenth session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation, 21-22 February 2008, Geneva;
- (c) Fifth session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology, 15-16 April 2008, Geneva.
- (d) Nineteenth session of the Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project, Conference on International Cooperation on Energy Efficiency: working together for a low-carbon economy, 28 May 2008, Geneva.

8. 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), International Energy Forum, Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States, International Labour Organization, 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 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 Foundation for the Sustainable Development of the Regions (FEDRE)
- (m) European Importers and Suppliers of Coal (EURISCOAL)
- (n) European LP Gas Association (AEGPL)
- (o) European Natural Gas Vehicles Association (ENGVA)
- (p) European Union of Natural Gas Industries (EUROGAS)
- (q) International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles (INGV)
- (r) International Association of Oil and Gas Producers (OGP)
- (s) International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- (t) International Organization of Securities Commissions
- (u) International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers (IFIEC)
- (v) International Gas Union (IGU)
- (w) Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-Eastern Europe (NALAS)
- (x) Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME)
- (y) OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD/NEA)
- (z) RUSDEM-Energeffect
- (aa) Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE)
- (bb) World Coal Institute (WCI)
- (cc) World Energy Council (WEC)
- (dd) World LP Gas Association
- (ee) World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
- (ff) World Petroleum Council (WPC)

9. The Gas Centre cooperated with the European Union, Energy Charter, Eurogas, IGU, Association de l'Industrie de Gaz en France and OME.

10. 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**

11. 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.

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

13. 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.

14. UNECE cooperates with the Central European Initiative on energy efficiency issues, in particular within the context of the implementation of the EE21 Project on Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation.

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