



**REVIEW OF ENERGY SECURITY ACTIVITIES
OF SELECTED INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

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Introduction

- **Prepared:**
 - Request of Cttee on Energy, 17th Session, Nov 2008
- **Purpose:**
 - Provide background information on energy security activities of selected international organizations
 - Help guide discussions
- **Note:**
 - Covers only a few international *intergovernmental* organizations
 - Not covered: host of other *intergovernmental* as well as *private sector* international organizations/ associations

Energy Security

- **Multifaceted issue** with at least four dimensions:
 - *Physical short-run disruption of supplies*
 - *Physical availability of supplies in long term*
 - *Deleterious effects on economic activity and peoples (i.e., macroeconomic effects)*
 - *Collateral damage from acts of terrorism*
- **Focus of the note:** first two dimensions
 - Latter two dimensions, less frequently addressed by energy community and institutions devoted to energy issues

Current Energy Policy Objectives

- **Three overarching objectives (Gov't & I.O.):**
 1. **Enhancing energy security;**
 2. **Increasing international competitiveness/
furthering economic development;**
 3. **Reducing energy-related health and environmental impacts.**
- **Focus of note: first objective**
- **Interrelationship:**
 - **Links increasingly being emphasized**
 - **Attempt at policy integration of the three objectives**
 - **Hence, not easy to separate activities among 3 objectives**

Outline of Paper

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Today's Presentation

- **General observations**
 - On major salient features of each organization
 - *What differentiates the institutions from each other*
- **Will not review**
 - Programme of work/ activities of each organization
- **Activities of organizations**
 - Summarized in background note
 - Members of Panel will speak to these in greater detail

Energy Charter

- **Core activities:**
 - **Work based on two legally-binding instruments**
 - **Focus is on implementation and compliance of two instruments**
 - **Includes negotiation of new legally-binding instruments**
 - **Underpinning objective:** strengthening rule of law regarding energy investment and trade
- **One departure**
 - **Energy efficiency**
 - **Work focussed more on implementation**

International Energy Agency

- **Core activities:**
 - **Policy formulation, policy-related analytical studies**
 - **Co-ordination of energy policies among its Member States**
 - **Monitor global energy developments**
 - **Gather & disseminate energy information and statistics**
- **Operational activity:**
 - **Emergency preparedness for oil supply emergencies (original mandate)**
- **Membership:**
 - **Work guided by world's 28 most advanced economies**
 - **Extensive outreach programme**

International Energy Forum

- **Core activities:**
 - Provide venue for **producer-consumer dialogue** on global oil issues at a very senior level
 - Seeking to promote dialogue on international gas issues at a very senior level
- **Statistics**
 - Lead on Joint Oil Data Initiative (JODI)
 - Increase market transparency and data consistency regarding global oil market

Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

- **Core activities:**

- **Coordinate petroleum policies and further the interests of its member Countries**
- **Take active “*quantitative*” measures to stabilize oil prices when deemed necessary**

- **Other activities:**

- **Wide range of analytical and statistical activities**

- **Membership:**

- **Work guided by unique membership and mandate (12 major oil exporting countries)**

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

- **Core activities:**
 - Improve security in Eurasia space
 - In three broad dimensions:
 - Politico-military, Economic & Environmental, Human
- **Mandate:**
 - Energy security part of Econ. & Env. dimension
 - Mandate very broad; energy security important but small component
- **Membership:**
 - Has same country representation as EC & UNECE
 - But activities aimed at different constituency (Ministers, senior officials and politically- oriented constituency.)

European Union

- **Supranational organization:**
 - **Mandate and powers unique and distinctive**
 - **Commission exercises powers in areas of competence normally exercised by individual sovereign States.**
- **Energy sector:**
 - **Objectives pursued:**
 - **Competitiveness, Sustainability & Security of Supply**
 - **Extensive programmes & activities in all 3 areas**
 - **Impacting energy industries**
- **Outreach strategy:**
 - **Numerous agreements, partnerships and dialogue**
 - **Intensifying efforts to speak with one voice**

UN Economic Commission for Europe

- **Core activities:**
 - **Work focus on implementation of energy policies and measures**
 - **Promoting expert dialogue, including on energy security**
 - **Providing technical assistance**
- **Additional mandate:**
 - **Give focus to UN's global mandate in economic field**
- **Constituency**
 - **Technically oriented. Different than EC (rule making) and OSCE (politically oriented)**

Conclusion

- **Organizations differ in terms of:**
 - membership,
 - mandate and orientation,
 - methods of work, and
 - expertise
- **Energy security issues addressed by all organizations**
- **But addressed:**
 - from different perspectives,
 - with different expert and policy constituencies,
 - using different approaches and work methods.