Building International Cooperation on Energy Efficiency

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1. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon’s commitment to mitigating climate change
2. Clean energy and the energy that is saved - best energy to secure sustainable development
3. Mitigation of global warming risks priority for energy efficiency programmes launched by UNECE
Key Elements of UNECE’s Mission …

• To raise awareness of potential problems across the UNECE region as well as to other regions of the world
• To look to develop an integrated approach to address the problem in countries and across regions
• To address the problems in the context of and inter-relation with: energy efficiency, clean technologies, renewable energy resources, and energy and transport sector development policies
UNECE: Diverse Areas of Activity to Mitigate Effects of Economic Development on Climate Change…

- Energy
- Air Pollution
- Water Resources
- Transport
- Housing
- Forest & Timber, Biomass
Due to nature of global climate change issue, UNECE is mandated and committed to seek and foster cooperation with other international energy-related bodies:

- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Energy Charter
- International Energy Forum (IEFS)
- OPEC

Cooperation is aimed to strengthen and better coordinate dialogue between governments, industry and financial community relevant for energy conservation and energy efficiency activities.

- Joint UNECE, Energy Charter and IEA conference
- Organized by Energy Charter in close cooperation with Steering Committee of EE21 Project
- Conference to address today’s key challenge: How to achieve a future international sustainable energy system that fosters and promotes energy efficiency oriented solutions?
Further details available on Energy Charter website at: http://www.encharter.org
Conference success requires unprecedented global cooperation between industry and governments; sharing technical, regulatory and policy-making knowledge; and stronger integration within energy markets.

Conference to address key questions: (i) how can post-2012 Kyoto rules best address the need for energy efficiency related investment?, (ii) how can the barriers to investment and technology transfer be overcome?; and (iii) what kind of global energy integration is needed to solve problems previously raised?
Key intent of conference organizers that the strategic short-term outcome of the event be used to elaborate a guidance document that could potentially be presented for use at the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit, 7-9 July 2008
Another strategic event in pipeline…

- **What**: Side Event being planned under UNECE aegis on “Role of Energy Efficiency in Mitigating Climate Change” at UNFCC COP-14 and CMP-3
- **Where**: Posnan, Poland
- **When**: 1-12 December 2008
Thank you for listening!

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