

**PROCEDURAL ACT
OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY**

PA/2013/04/MC-EnC: On setting up a High Level Reflection Group on the functioning of the Treaty

The Ministerial Council of the Energy Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community ("the Treaty"), and in particular Article 47(c) thereof,

Whereas the duration of the Treaty was extended for an additional 10-year-period by Decision 01/2013 MC-EnC of 24/10/2013;

Whereas this extended timeline provides an opportunity to reflect on the past experience in achieving the objectives of the Treaty and on possible improvements to the functioning of the Energy Community, including changes to the current Treaty.

Whereas a High Level Reflection Group chaired by an independent expert with appropriate experience will be able to make a valuable contribution to such reflection.

ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL ACT:

Article 1
Purpose

1. A High Level Reflection Group is hereby established.
2. The High Level Reflection Group is mandated to make an independent assessment of the adequacy of the institutional set up and working methods of the Energy Community to the achievement of the objectives of the Energy Community Treaty, taking into consideration the evolution of this organization over the past years and its extended Membership, and to make proposals for improvements to the Ministerial Council in 2014.

Article 2
Composition

1. Mr. Jerzy Buzek is herewith appointed Chair of the High Level Reflection Group.
2. Within one month from the date of this procedural act, the Chair shall designate up to 5 Members for the High Level Reflection Group; in so doing, he shall make sure that the final composition of the Group presents an appropriate mix of expertise in European integration, regional cooperation, international relations and energy markets. The appointment will be effective after endorsement by the Permanent High Level Group no later than 22nd December 2013.

3. In addition, the European Commission shall be represented in the High Level Reflection Group, in its capacity as Coordinator of the Energy Community activities based on Article 4 of the Treaty, as well as the Energy Community Secretariat, at high level.

Article 3
Mandate

1. The High Level Reflection Group shall report to the Ministerial Council in autumn 2014. To this end, it shall prepare a written report to the Ministerial Council by 15th June 2014, outlining possible reform proposals and the necessary steps for the implementation of these proposals.

2. It shall also report orally at meetings of the Permanent High Level Group on the progress of its work.

Article 4
Working arrangements

1. The Secretariat shall assist the High Level Reflection Group and facilitate its work.

2. The Group shall approve appropriate working arrangements in its first meeting.

Article 5
Costs

The necessary expenses related to the work of the High Level Reflection Group shall be covered by the Energy Community budget.

Article 6
Entry into force

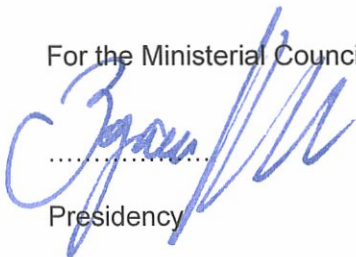
This Procedural Act shall enter into force upon adoption.

Done at Belgrade on 24 October 2013.

For the Ministerial Council

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Presidency

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