DECISION OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL
OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

D/2013/03/MC-EnC: On extending the duration of the Energy Community Treaty

The Ministerial Council of the Energy Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community ("the Treaty"), and in particular Article 97 thereof,

Whereas the Treaty was signed on 25 October 2005 and entered into force on 1 July 2006;

Whereas, according to its Article 97, the Treaty is concluded for a period of 10 years from the date of entry into force and requires a decision by the Ministerial Council for its extension;

Whereas the Energy Community has proven to be an efficient framework for regional cooperation in the energy field;

Whereas the Energy Community is following closely developments in the European Union's energy policy and has entered into commitments that go beyond 2016;

Whereas the extension of the Treaty has been openly supported by the European Union institutions,1 as well as by the Permanent High Level Group at its meetings of 19 June and 23 October 2013;

ADOPTS THIS DECISION:

Article 1
Extension of the duration of the Energy Community Treaty

The duration of the Treaty is extended for a period of 10 years.

Article 2
Entry into force

This Decision enters into force upon its adoption.

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Done in Belgrade on 24 October 2013

For the Ministerial Council

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Presidency