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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Articles 74 and 88 of the Energy Community Treaty.

Whereas:

- (1) Article 74 of the Energy Community Treaty provides that the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community shall adopt a Procedural Act specifying the Procedure for the implementation of the budget, and for presenting and auditing accounts and inspection.
- (2) Article 88 of the Energy Community Treaty provides that the Procedural Acts on budgetary matters provided for in Articles 73 and 74 shall be adopted by unanimity on a proposal from the European Commission.
- (3) On 17th November 2006, the Ministerial Council adopted the Energy Community Procedures for the Establishment and Implementation of Budget, Auditing and Inspection (Procedural Act N° 2006/03/MC-EnC);
- (4) The Treaty establishing the Energy Community ("the Treaty"), which was concluded for a period of 10 years, was extended for another 10 years by decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community on 24 October 2013;
- (5) It is appropriate to amend the existing budgetary rules in the light of the experience and evolution of this international organisation in order to remove redundancy, update the terminology and further clarify some provisions to ease their implementation. Some of the articles have also been updated to align them with those of Regulation 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union;
- (6) The proposed changes are contained in the annexed text elaborated by the Energy Community Secretariat;
- (7) The position of the European Union, as a Party to the Energy Community, concerning the adoption of the amended procedures for the establishment and implementation of the budget, and for presenting and auditing accounts and inspection will be established in a second phase on the basis of a Council Decision; the present proposal is thus without prejudice to the position of the European Union at the meeting of the Ministerial Council at which the amended procedure will be adopted.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The European Commission proposes to the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community the amended procedures for the establishment and implementation of the budget, and for presenting and auditing accounts and inspection in annex.

Article 2

The decision enters into force upon its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 12.6.2014

*For the Commission
Günther Oettinger
Member of the Commission*

