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## LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on approving the position to be taken by the Commission on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community at the 33rd meeting of the Energy Charter Conference

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**COUNCIL DECISION (Euratom) 2022/...**

**of ...**

**on approving the position to be taken by the Commission  
on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community  
at the 33rd meeting of the Energy Charter Conference**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular Article 101, second paragraph, thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Energy Charter Treaty ('the Agreement') was concluded on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community ('Euratom') by Council and Commission Decision 98/181/EC, ECSC, Euratom<sup>1</sup> and entered into force on 16 April 1998.
- (2) In the absence of any substantial update of the Agreement since the 1990s, the Agreement has become increasingly outdated. It has been accordingly proposed to amend the Agreement with a view to aligning it with the principles of the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change adopted on 12 December 2015, with the requirements of sustainable development and with the fight against climate change, as well as with modern standards of investment protection and investor-to-State dispute settlement.
- (3) Pursuant to the Agreement, the Energy Charter Conference adopts texts of amendments to the Agreement and approves modifications of, and technical changes to, the Annexes to the Agreement ('the proposed acts').

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<sup>1</sup> Council and Commission Decision 98/181/EC, ECSC, Euratom of 23 September 1997 on the conclusion, by the European Communities, of the Energy Charter Treaty and the Energy Charter Protocol on energy efficiency and related environmental aspects (OJ L 69, 9.3.1998, p. 1).

- (4) The Energy Charter Conference, during its 33rd meeting on 22 November 2022, is to: (i) adopt the proposed amendments to the Agreement (CC 760); (ii) approve the proposed modifications and technical changes to the Annexes to the Agreement (CC 761); (iii) approve the proposed technical changes to Understandings, Declarations and Decisions (CC 762); and (iv) approve the decision regarding the entry into force and provisional application of amendments to the Agreement and modifications and technical changes to its Annexes (CC 763). It would thereby be concluding the negotiations conducted with a view to modernising the Agreement.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on Euratom's behalf in the Energy Charter Conference as regards matters falling under the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community ('the Euratom Treaty'), as the proposed acts will have legal effects.
- (6) The position to be adopted on behalf of Euratom pursuant to this Decision is without prejudice to the subsequent decision to be adopted on behalf of Euratom on the provisional application and conclusion of the proposed amendments to the Agreement (CC 760) pursuant to Article 101 of the Euratom Treaty.

- (7) The proposed acts will be adopted by the Energy Charter Conference if no Contracting Party to the Agreement objects. Euratom's position should therefore be not to raise objections, so as to allow for the adoption of the proposed acts by the Energy Charter Conference,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

### *Article 1*

The position to be taken by the Commission on behalf of Euratom, as regards matters falling under the Euratom Treaty, at the 33rd meeting of the Energy Charter Conference shall be to participate in the vote and to raise no objection to:

- (a) the adoption by the Energy Charter Conference of the proposed amendments to the Agreement (CC 760);
- (b) the approval of the proposed modifications and technical changes to the Annexes to the Agreement (CC 761);
- (c) the approval of the proposed technical changes to Understandings, Declarations and Decisions (CC 762); and
- (d) the approval of the decision regarding the entry into force and provisional application of amendments to the Agreement and modifications and technical changes to its Annexes (CC 763).

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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