

ACTS ADOPTED BY BODIES CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

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,

ADOPTS THIS DECISION:

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

Article 1

Whereas:

Extension of the duration of the Energy Community Treaty

- (1) The Treaty was signed on 25 October 2005 and entered into force on 1 July 2006.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The Energy Community has proven to be an efficient framework for regional cooperation in the energy field.
- (4) The Energy Community is following closely developments in the European Union's energy policy and has entered into commitments that go beyond 2016.
- (5) 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,

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.

Done in Belgrade, 24 October 2013.

For the Ministerial Council,
Z. MIHAJLOVIĆ

⁽¹⁾ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council under Article 7 of Decision 2006/500/EC, 10.3.2011, COM(2011) 105 final; Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on security of energy supply and international cooperation - The EU Energy Policy: Engaging with Partners beyond Our Borders, 7.9.2011, COM(2011) 539 final; Conclusions of the meeting of 24 November 2011 of the Council of the European Union on strengthening the external dimension of the EU energy policy.