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*Secretary General  
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Mr. Miguel Arias Cañete  
Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy  
European Commission

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you to inform you of the activities the Energy Charter Secretariat delivered in **January 2016**.

The Secretariat was informed that **Montenegro finalised the ratification of the Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA)** by having deposited its ratification instrument to the Government of Portugal, the depository, on 10 November 2015 and the Protocol entered into force for Montenegro on 10 December 2015.

On 16 January 2016, I participated in the **Sixth General Assembly Meetings of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**, during which I delivered a speech at the Ministerial Meeting on Renewable Energy and Climate Change in Africa. On the second day, I took part in the **Ministerial Roundtable** on Mobilising Investment to Accelerate the Energy Transition after COP21, where I stressed the role that the Energy Charter Treaty can play in scaling up investments in renewables and other different projects in the transition towards the goals of the COP21 agreement. On the margins, I held consultations with the **Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Jordan** Dr. Ibrahim Saif, the **Minister of Energy and Water of Lebanon** Eng. Artur Nazarian, the **Minister of Petroleum and Mines of Mauritania** Mr. Mohamed Salem Bechir, the **Minister of Energy, Mines, Water and Environment of Morocco** Dr. Abdelkader Amara, the **Minister of Energy and Electricity of Yemen** Eng. Abdullah Al Akwa'a, the **Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt** Dr. Magdy Rady, the **Special Envoy for Energy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel** Amb. Ron Adam, the **Special Representative of the Secretary General & Chief Executive Officer, United Nations – Sustainable Energy for All** Mrs. Rachel Kyte, the **Manager of Energy Policy and International Relations of the Ministry of Energy and Industry of Qatar** Mr. Mashal Al- Thani as well as with the **Heads of Delegations of Senegal and Mongolia**.

As for expansion and outreach activities, the Secretariat organised a highly successful **Joint high-level Roundtable on Enabling Environments for Clean Energy Investments** with the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) on the second day of the World Future Energy Summit (WFES) (18-21 January 2016) during the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week (16-23 January 2016) in Abu Dhabi. In addition, the **Deputy Secretary General Mr. Selim Küneralp** held consultations with the **Ambassador of Chile** Mr. Carlos Appelgren Balbontin on the topic of a closer engagement of Chile (and Latin America) in the Energy Charter Process. He also met with the **Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina** Ms. Lidija Topić in Brussels to follow-up on the matters related to the International Energy Charter. The Secretariat also signed a **Memorandum of Understanding with Universidad Externado de Colombia** for a period of five years in order to promote mutual relations and expand its synergy, as well as to participate in joint activities, projects and initiatives.

As part of Secretariat's core activities, the Secretariat's Trade Expert delivered a presentation at the **27<sup>th</sup> European Energy Law Seminar** in The Hague within the scope of the MoU with the University of Groningen. The Secretariat also spoke at the **King's College Seminar on gas supply diversification options for Europe** and held meetings with the **Commonwealth Secretariat** in London. Moreover, the Secretariat's Energy Efficiency Expert participated the **first meeting of the G20 Energy Sustainability Working Group under the 2016 Chinese presidency** in Xiamen, China with the objective to initiate the discussion on the priority issues, selected by the Presidency, namely energy access, clean energy, energy efficiency and global energy governance. Furthermore, the Secretariat's Legal Counsel attended an **Experts'**

**Meeting** organised by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and hosted by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris to continue the initial discussion on work needed to deal with the current problem of **concurrent (parallel) proceedings** in investment arbitration (e.g. several investors starting different proceedings against the same state based on the same facts).

In January 2016, the Secretariat published a Knowledge Centre Occasional Paper on ‘**The Energy Charter Treaty and ADR in the context of Investor-State and other Disputes**’ as well as a publication outlining ‘**Benefits of Ukraine's Participation in the Energy Charter Process**’, which are available on the Secretariat’s website.

The Secretariat also continued communicating on both of its accounts on the social network Twitter, Facebook as well as LinkedIn.

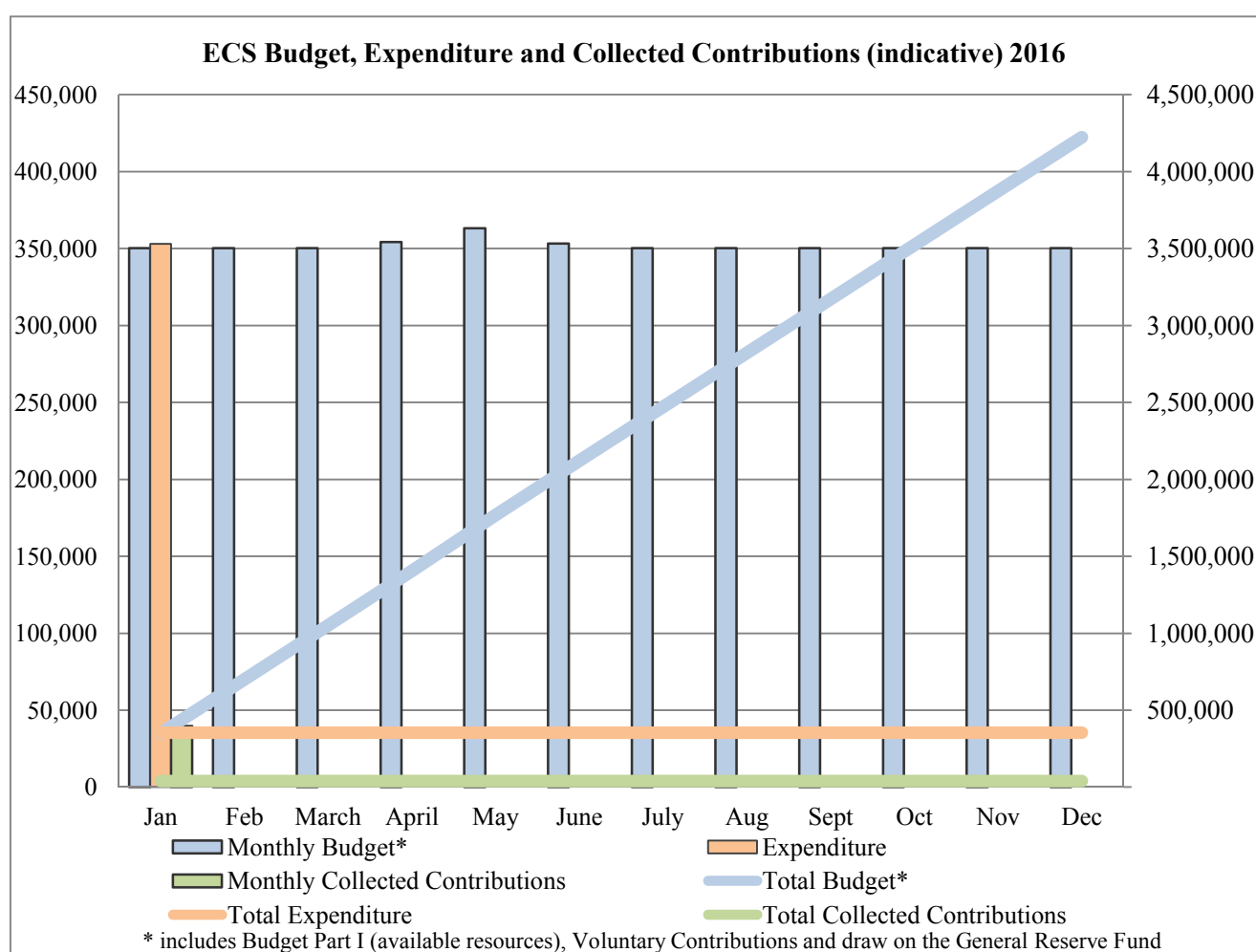
In the Annex you will find information on the Secretariat’s finances in January 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Urban Rusnák

## Indicative Information on the Secretariat's Finances for 2016

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monthly budget*	350,269	350,269	350,269	354,269	363,269	353,269	350,269	350,269	350,269	350,269	350,269	350,269
Total budget*	350,269	700,538	1,050,808	1,405,077	1,768,346	2,121,615	2,471,884	8,822,153	3,172,423	3,522,692	3,872,961	4,223,230
Expenditure	353,139											
Total Expenditure	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139	353,139
Monthly Collected Contributions	39,602											
Total Collected Contributions	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602	39,602



Note:  
Portugal (2015), Moldova