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The Secretary-General
Генеральный Секретарь

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Mr. Maroš Šefčovic
Vice-President for Energy Union
European Commission

Dear Vice-President,

Miloš Maroš,

The fourth round of negotiations on *the International Energy Charter* was recently concluded in Brussels, Belgium. The negotiating parties from over 80 countries agreed on a final draft text of the political declaration. I thank you whole heartedly for the active role of your delegation.

The negotiating parties have every reason to be proud of the fruits of their efforts. The draft declaration confirms the relevance of the established principles of the Energy Charter, but at the same time reflects contemporary energy challenges.

The International Energy Charter will be the key tool to support the expansion of the geographical scope of the Energy Charter. For many countries signing this political declaration will be the first step towards accession to the Energy Charter Treaty. This, in turn, will open up new opportunities for investors from the Energy Charter member states to invest in energy production, generation and transportation projects in those countries. The Energy Charter will thus be able to make strong contributions to energy security and diversification to the benefit of all its members.

The International Energy Charter will be formally adopted at the Ministerial Conference on the International Energy Charter ("The Hague II") hosted by the Government of the Netherlands in May 2015.

I would appreciate if the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) could kindly confirm in writing, by 31 January 2015, the acceptance of the final draft text. A possible suggested communication might be:

"On behalf of the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) I confirm acceptance of the final draft text of the International Energy Charter. The European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) will be represented at the Ministerial Conference on the International Energy Charter ("The Hague II")."

You will then receive an invitation from the Minister of Economic Affairs of the Netherlands, H.E. Mr. Henk Kamp.

I look forward to your reply and to meeting you in The Hague for this significant event.

Yours sincerely,


Urban Rusnák