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We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations at the Kiev Conference,

- 1. Recognize** that improved energy efficiency is fundamental to meeting many of our energy and environmental objectives, contributing to sustainable development, improving energy security and achieving many of our economic and social goals both nationally and internationally;
- 2. Consider** that the Aarhus Declaration including the *Policy Statement on Energy Efficiency* and the *Guidelines on Energy Conservation* are political commitments that, together with the Energy Charter's Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects (PEEREA), for many countries offer a long-term framework for energy efficiency policy and programme development;

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3. **Note** the report “Towards an energy-efficient future” on the progress in implementation of the energy efficiency provisions of the Aarhus Declaration, prepared by the Energy Charter Secretariat, which details the progress since the Aarhus Conference both in the national energy efficiency policies and in international cooperation;

4. **Decide to:**

(a) Encourage national efforts to ensure that our environmental policies and programmes designed to mitigate climate change, and to achieve the Kyoto targets for those who have them, properly incorporate energy efficiency objectives and measures;

(b) Improve integration of environmental concerns and energy efficiency into various areas of energy, economic and social policies. The interministerial cooperation needed to achieve this should be promoted;

(c) Support the use of transparent economic and environmental criteria in the comparison of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects throughout the whole energy cycle, from production to distribution and end-use;

(d) Ensure that environmental considerations will be reflected, where appropriate, in decisions relating to energy policy and, in particular, in the process of restructuring and developing district heating schemes and cogeneration;

(e) Support continued reforms aimed at removing, where possible, energy price subsidies which have an adverse impact on the environment;

(f) Support the funding of activities directed at improving energy efficiency and promote cost-effective energy efficiency projects, where applicable through the use of the flexible mechanisms of Joint Implementation and the Clean Development Mechanism defined under the Kyoto Protocol, in line with specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances;

(g) Develop and support, where appropriate, measures aimed at strengthening the participation of energy consumers, the private sector and non-governmental organizations in identifying priorities and implementing energy efficiency projects;

(h) Invite the Energy Charter Secretariat in cooperation with other relevant organizations to report through UNECE on progress in implementing international energy efficiency provisions;

5. **Invite** the international community to promote energy efficiency initiatives that would involve Governmental authorities responsible for energy efficiency, representatives of international organizations and international financial institutions, the business community, energy consumers and non-governmental organizations. These initiatives would reinvigorate the efforts made to improve energy efficiency and support innovative national and international activities.