

45th PERMANENT HIGH LEVEL GROUP

Vienna
17 February 2017

1. The meeting was chaired by Luan Morina on behalf of Kosovo* and Hans van Steen for the European Commission.
2. The Permanent High Level Group (PHLG) approved the agenda.

Treaty amendments

3. Following up on the non-paper of the Energy Community Secretariat on the next steps related to Energy Community reform, the PHLG identified the key issues requiring Treaty amendments. Several Contracting Parties stressed the need to allow discussion on substance and to involve into negotiations also other relevant institutions in Contracting Parties apart from Ministries in charge of Energy.
4. PHLG agreed to continue discussion following the table filled in with options by the Secretariat, based on the today's discussion and additional input to be provided by the Contracting Parties. The Secretariat and Parties are invited to propose further options in issues 3-8 to be discussed, latest till 3 March. Secretariat shall distribute the updated table to Parties before 10 March.
5. On that basis consideration should be given to holding the meeting of legal experts of a technical nature with the Parties on the date envisaged for PHLG in March.
6. PHLG invited the Parties to create and participate in bilateral working groups that will discuss details of optional Treaty amendments.
7. Secretariat is invited to report about the discussions on the working groups well in advance of the next PHLG meeting that shall be moved from March to April.

Done in Vienna on 17 February 2017

For the Permanent High Level Group,

Luan Morina

THE PRESIDENCY

