

DECISION OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

D/2016/18/MC-EnC on the accession of Georgia to the Energy Community Treaty

The Ministerial Council of the Energy Community,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community signed in Athens on 25 October 2005 ("the Treaty"), and in particular Articles 100(i) and (iv) thereof,

Whereas Georgia has been actively participating in the Energy Community as an Observer since December 2007,

Whereas Georgia has undertaken significant reforms to approximate its legal framework to the requirements of the Energy Community Treaty,

Whereas negotiations on the accession of Georgia were held and successfully concluded in May 2016 in Brussels,

Whereas Georgia and the Parties to the Treaty recognize that the accession of Georgia as a Contracting Party is of mutual interest and is compatible with the principles and aims of the Treaty,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Ministerial Council of the Energy Community agrees on the accession of Georgia to the Energy Community Treaty as a Contracting Party under the terms and conditions set out in the Protocol attached to the present Decision.
2. The Ministerial Council of the Energy Community authorizes its President to sign on behalf of the Energy Community the Protocol, attached to the present Decision, which sets out, as provided for in paragraph 1, the terms and conditions of accession.

Article 2

1. This Decision enters into force on the day of its adoption.
2. The accession to the Energy Community shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the completion by Georgia of its internal procedures for the approval of the accession to the Energy Community. Notification shall be sent to the Secretary-General of

the Council of the European Union as depositary of the Energy Community Treaty pursuant to its Article 105.

Done in Sarajevo, on 14 October 2016

For the Presidency

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