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(8) The decision-making body of the Group shall examine, **at the request of a Contracting Party or the Member State concerned**, the substantiated reasons presented by a **Contracting Party** pursuant to Article 3(3) for not approving a project of **Energy Community** interest related to its territory.

(9) The Group shall meet to examine and rank the proposed projects taking into account the assessment of the regulators, or the assessment of the **Energy Community Secretariat** for oil transport projects.

(10) The draft **preliminary** lists of proposed projects falling under the categories set out in **Annex I.1** and 2 drawn up by the Groups, together with any opinions as specified in point (7), **shall be submitted to the Energy Community Secretariat, the Regulatory Board and the Agency** six months before the adoption date of the **Energy Community** list. The draft **preliminary** lists and the accompanying opinions shall be assessed by the **Regulatory Board** within three months of the date of receipt. **The Regulatory Board seeking cooperation with the Agency and with the support of the Energy Community Secretariat shall provide an opinion on the draft preliminary lists, in particular on the consistent application of the criteria and cost-benefit analysis.**

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(11) Within one month of the date of receipt of the **Regulatory Board's** opinion, the decision-making body of each Group shall adopt its final **preliminary** list, respecting the provisions set out in Article 3(3), based on the Groups' proposal and taking into account the opinion of the **Regulatory Board** and the assessment of the national regulatory authorities submitted in accordance with point (5), or the assessment of the **Energy Community Secretariat** for oil transport projects proposed in accordance with point (6). The Groups shall submit the final **preliminary** lists to the **Energy Community Secretariat**, together with any opinions as specified in point (7).