

PROCEDURAL ACT

OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

PA/2015/03/MC-EnC: on strengthening the role of civil society

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community (hereinafter referred to as the Treaty), and in particular Articles 86, 87, 82 and 83 thereof,

Having regard to the report of the High Level Reflection Group, which concluded that the role of civil society in the Energy Community institutions should be strengthened,

Whereas enhancing the role of civil society organisations will render the Energy Community's institutions and bodies more transparent,

Whereas strengthening the role of civil society organisations will make the Energy Community better equipped to meet its objectives, notably by increasing its transparency, public acceptance as well as providing additional expertise to the implementation of the *acquis* if necessary,

HAS ADOPTED THIS PROCEDURAL ACT:

Article 1

1. Representatives of Civil Society Organisations may attend the meetings of Working Groups and Task Forces upon invitation of the chairman of a Working Group or a Task Force.

Article 2

1. Representatives of Civil Society Organizations may be invited to attend specific agenda items of meetings of the Ministerial Council or the Permanent High Level Group as observers.

2. Such invitations may be issued in particular to seek information from the Civil Society Organizations, for instance as regards new legislative initiatives planned in the Energy Community.

3. The procedure to issue such an invitation shall be determined in the Rules of Procedure of the Ministerial Council and the Permanent High Level Group respectively.

Article 3

A Civil Society Day shall be convened once a year to increase the transparency of the activities of the Ministerial Council and the Permanent High Level Group towards Civil Society Organizations. The meeting shall be prepared by the Secretariat.

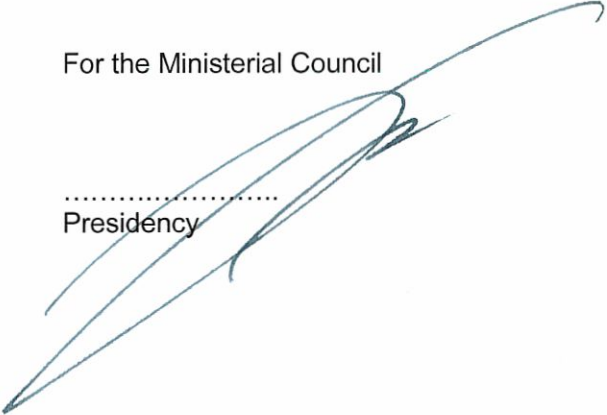
Article 4

This Procedural Act enters into force upon the day of its adoption.

Done in Tirana on 16 October 2015

For the Ministerial Council

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Presidency

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