



**PROTOCOL
CONCERNING THE ACCESSION OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
TO THE ENERGY COMMUNITY**

The Energy Community, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the Energy Community (hereinafter - the Treaty)

on the one hand,

and the Republic of Moldova

on the other hand,

Taking note of the outcome of negotiations on the Republic of Moldova's accession to the Energy Community,

Having regard to the Decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community of 18 December 2009 approving the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Energy Community on the conditions set out herein (Decision 2009/03/MC-EnC),

AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 1

1. The Republic of Moldova accedes to the Energy Community as a Contracting Party under the terms and conditions set out in the Decision of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community of 18 December 2009 on the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Energy Community (Decision 2009/03/MC-EnC), as laid down in this Protocol.
2. Unless specified otherwise in this Protocol, by date of accession, the Republic of Moldova is entitled to all rights granted to Contracting Parties and is subject to all obligations imposed on Contracting Parties by the Treaty and by all Decisions and Procedural Acts adopted in application of the Treaty since its entry into force.

ARTICLE 2

1. For the purpose of compliance with Title II of the Treaty establishing the Energy Community and its related Annexes, the timetable for implementation by the Republic of Moldova of the *acquis communautaire* is defined as follows:

Directive 2003/55/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas	By 31 December 2009
Regulation n° 1775/2005 on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks	By 31 December 2010
Directive 2004/67/EC concerning measures to safeguard security of natural gas supply	By 31 December 2010
Directive 2003/54/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in electricity	By 31 December 2009
Regulation n° 1228/2003 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity	By 31 December 2010
Commission Decision 2006/770/EC amending the Annex to Regulation n° 1228/2003 on conditions for access to the network for cross-border exchanges in electricity	By 31 December 2010
Directive 2005/89/EC concerning measures to safeguard security of electricity supply and infrastructure investment	By 31 December 2010
Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by Directive 97/11/EC and Directive 2003/35/EC	By 31 December 2010
Directive 1999/32/EC relating to a reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels	By 31 December 2014
Directive 2001/80/EC on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from large combustion plants	By 31 December 2017
Directive 79/409/EC, Article 4(2), on the conservation of wild birds	By 31 December 2010
Plan for the implementation of Directive 2001/77/EEC on the promotion of electricity produced from renewable energy sources in the internal electricity market	By 31 December 2010
Plan for the implementation of Directive 2003/30/EC on the promotion of the use of biofuels or other renewable fuels for transport	By 31 December 2010

2. The Republic of Moldova must ensure that the eligible customers within the meaning of EC Directives 2003/54/EC and 2003/55/EC are:
 - From 1 January 2013, all non-household customers; and
 - From 1 January 2015, all customers.
3. In Article 19 of the Treaty, the reference "as from six months following the date of entry into force of this Treaty" shall be understood as meaning "as from six months following the date of accession of the Republic of Moldova". In Article 22 of the Treaty, the reference "within one year of the adoption of the list" shall be understood as meaning "within one year of the date of accession of the Republic of Moldova". In Article 29 of the Treaty, the reference "within one year of the date of entry into force of this Treaty" shall be understood as meaning "within one year of the date of accession of the Republic of Moldova".
4. Article 15 of the Treaty shall apply to the Republic of Moldova as from one year following the date of accession of the Republic of Moldova.

ARTICLE 3

1. The contribution of the Republic of Moldova and of the other Parties to the budget of the Energy Community shall be set out in a Procedural Act to be adopted pursuant to Article 73 of the Treaty. The methodology to be applied shall be based on a pro-rata calculated in relation to GDP and Total Primary Energy Supply.
2. The first contribution of the Republic of Moldova shall be due for the first full budgetary year following accession.

ARTICLE 4

1. After adoption by the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community of its Decision on the Republic of Moldova's accession to the Energy Community, the Republic of Moldova shall initiate its internal procedures required for entry into force of its accession to the Energy Community.
2. The accession to the Energy Community shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the month of completion of the procedures provided in the first paragraph of this article.

Done at Vienna, this seventeenth day of March in the year two thousand and ten.

For the Energy Community



For the Republic of Moldova

