

## **RECOMMENDATION of the Ministerial Council of the Energy Community R/2016/02/MC-EnC on preparing for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 525/2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions**

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community (“the Treaty”), and in particular Articles 2, 25 and 79 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,<sup>1</sup>

Whereas:

- 1) Article 2 of the Treaty defines the improvement of the environmental situation related to Network Energy in the Contracting Parties as one of its key objectives;
- 2) The energy sector is one of the most potent contributors to the emissions of greenhouse gases and therefore there are strong links between energy and climate policy;
- 3) The implementation of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 on a mechanism for monitoring and reporting greenhouse gas emissions<sup>2</sup> by the Contracting Parties may facilitate them to better monitor and report on their emissions of greenhouse gases and their progress towards their energy and climate targets;
- 4) The framework for regional cooperation established by the Energy Community and the assistance offered by its institutions and bodies can be essential in preparing the successful implementation of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013;
- 5) For its full and legally binding incorporation in the Energy Community, Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 will need to be further adapted under Article 24 of the Treaty;
- 6) The Environmental Task Force, at its meeting of 14 September 2016 discussed and endorsed the present Recommendation;
- 7) The Permanent High Level Group, at its meetings of 22 June 2016 and 13 October 2016 discussed and endorsed the present Recommendation,

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<sup>1</sup> C(2016) 5854 final, 19.9.2016.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 165, 18.6.2013, p. 13.

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

**Article 1**

1. The Contracting Parties should prepare the legal and institutional preconditions for the implementation of the core elements of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 in their jurisdictions.
2. The Secretariat should assist the Contracting Parties' efforts in this respect. It should report to the Ministerial Council on the progress annually.

**Article 2**

1. In the framework of the Environmental Task Force, the Contracting Parties, the Secretariat and the European Commission should identify the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013 suitable for incorporation in the Energy Community, the necessary adaptations as well as appropriate deadlines.
2. The European Commission should regularly inform the Contracting Parties and the Secretariat on possible amendments to Regulation (EU) No 525/2013.

**Article 3**

Subject to a proposal by the European Commission, the Ministerial Council will decide on the adoption of a decision incorporating suitable provisions of Regulation (EU) No 525/2013.

**Article 4**

This Recommendation shall enter into force upon its adoption by the Ministerial Council.

**Article 5**

This Recommendation is addressed to the Contracting Parties and institutions of the Treaty.

Done in Sarajevo, on 14 October 2016