

## PROCEDURAL ACT

### OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

**PA/2015/05/MC-EnC: on the establishment of an Energy Community Parliamentary Plenum meetings**

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE ENERGY COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Energy Community and in particular Articles 90 to 93 as well as Articles 86, 87, 82 and 83 thereof,

Whereas participation of representatives of parliaments would make the Energy Community better equipped to meet its objectives, notably by increasing political support for the implementation of the Energy Community *acquis* and the sense of ownership of the organisation,

Whereas it is fitting to increase transparency of the organisation and improve knowledge of the parliaments regarding the Energy Community processes,

Whereas it shall improve through dialogue, better acceptance of the Energy Community and its objectives in the Parties to the Treaty,

Whereas bringing together elected representatives of the national parliaments of the Contracting Parties and the European Parliament would help to address shared challenges, and support to build a fully functioning pan-European energy market which works to the benefit of citizens,

HAS ADOPTED THIS PROCEDURAL ACT:

#### Article 1

1. The Parliamentary Plenum meetings shall be organized up to two times a year.

Parliaments of Contracting Parties may appoint two representatives from each national parliament, preferably from the governing political spectrum and opposition. The European Parliament may send up to 16 representatives.

2. The meetings take place under the chairmanship of the Member of the Parliament of the Contracting Party holding the Presidency of the Ministerial Council.

3. The meetings of the Parliamentary Plenum shall be administered by the Secretariat.

## Article 2

1. The participants in the Parliamentary Plenum meetings may express views and opinions on all matters falling within the scope of the Treaty in the form of reports or resolutions, as appropriate, with the exception of dispute settlement under Articles 90-93 of the Treaty. They are invited to prepare a report on the annual progress report prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with Article 67(b) of the Treaty, to be submitted to the Ministerial Council.
2. The participants in the Parliamentary Plenum meetings may pose questions to the institutions of the Energy Community.
3. The chairperson of the Parliamentary Plenum meetings is invited before the Ministerial Council.
4. Representative of the Contracting Party holding the Presidency of the Energy Community or the Director of the Energy Community Secretariat may be invited to take part in the meetings of the Parliamentary Plenum.
5. The Secretariat is invited to propose organizational rules and procedures of the Parliamentary Plenum meetings for adoption by the Ministerial Council upon the consultation with the Parliamentary Plenum meeting.

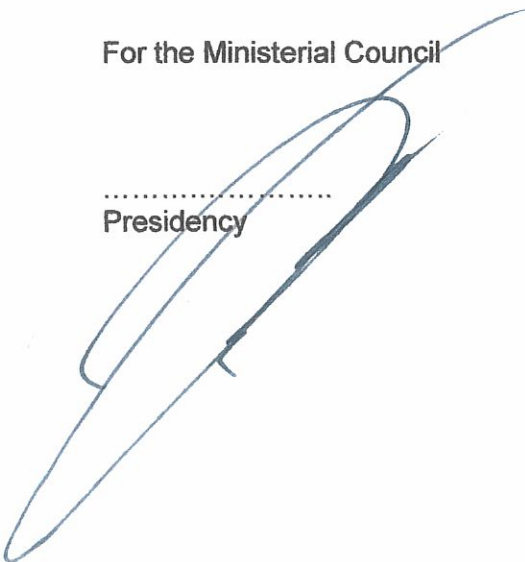
## Article 3

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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