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Supply and Use of Gas

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REPORT

1. The first meeting of the Bureau and the General Rapporteurs of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas was convened following the decision of the joint Meeting of Experts on the Use and Distribution and the Transport and Storage of Gas, held in September 1998 (ENERGY/WP.3/GE.2/1998/2: ENERGY/WP.3/GE.3/1998/2, para.21 (d)).
2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following countries: Croatia, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation and Slovenia.
3. Chairman of the Group: Mr. Ante ZEDELJ (Croatia); Vice-Chairperson: Mrs. Maria Teresa SAO PEDRO (Portugal), who was not in attendance.
4. The meeting discussed the programme of work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts and its projects underway, and approved the following decisions:

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I. Construction, management and maintenance of gas transportation systems -
Diagnostics of gas transmission lines

5. Decisions:

(a) To thank Mr. Danilo Skerbinek, Rapporteur from Slovenia, for the preparation of a draft consolidated report;

(b) To take note that the delegation of Netherlands will send a reply to the questionnaire by the end of February 1999;

(c) To invite Mr. Skerbinek to send to the secretariat, before 31 March 1999, a revised version of the draft consolidated report, to be circulated to countries before 10 April 1999, for their comments;

(d) To invite Mr. Skerbinek to prepare a new version of the consolidated report before 1 June 1999, for discussion at the first session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in January 2000.

II. Methods for detection of gas leakages during extraction, transportation,
distribution and storage of gas

6. Decisions:

(a) To thank Mr. Ron van Noord, Rapporteur from the Netherlands, for the preparation of a draft consolidated report;

(b) To take note that the delegations of Hungary and Poland will send replies to the questionnaire by the end of February 1999;

(c) To invite Mr. Van Noord to send to the secretariat, before 31 March 1999, a revised version of the draft consolidated report, to be circulated to countries before 10 April 1999, for their comments;

(d) To invite Mr. Van Noord to prepare a new version of the consolidated report before 1 June 1999, for discussion at the first session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in January 2000.

III. Problems related to the occurrence and removal of solids during gas
extraction from the underground storage facilities

7. Decisions:

(a) To thank Mr. Tamas Korosi, Rapporteur from Hungary, for the preparation of a draft consolidated report;

(b) To take note that the delegation of the Netherlands will send a reply to the questionnaire by the end of February 1999;

(c) To invite Mr. Korosi to send to the secretariat, before 31 March 1999, a revised version of the draft consolidated report, to be circulated to countries before 10 April 1999, for their comments;

(d) To invite Mr. Korosi to prepare a new version of the consolidated report before 1 June 1999, for discussion at the first session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in January 2000.

IV. Technological and ecological norms, required for the design and operation of the gas distribution networks

8. Decisions:

(a) To thank Mr. Alexander Gritsenko, Rapporteur from the Russian Federation, for the preparation of a draft questionnaire;

(b) To request the secretariat to circulate it to countries before 10 April 1999, for their comments;

(c) To invite Mr. Gritsenko to prepare a revised version of the draft questionnaire before 1 June 1999 for consideration at the first session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in January 2000.

V. Existing standards and regulations on permissible concentrations of harmful components in gaseous fuels and gaseous fuels combustion products

9. Decisions:

(a) To approve a new title of the project, as proposed by the delegation of Poland;

(b) To thank Mr. Andrzej Fronska, Rapporteur from Poland, for the preparation of a draft questionnaire;

(c) To invite Mr. A. Fronska to send to the secretariat, before the end of February 1999, a revised version of the draft questionnaire, taking into account comments made during the discussion, for circulation to countries before 10 April 1999, for their comments;

(d) To invite Mr. A. Fronska to prepare a revised version of the draft questionnaire before 1 June 1999, for consideration at the first session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in January 2000.
