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**COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Note by the secretariat

Introduction

This report outlines the cooperation of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) with international organizations (section I) and by other international organizations with the ECE in the field of energy (section II). Also included, in section III, is a listing of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that are cooperating with ECE concerning activities under the Committee on Sustainable Energy or in whose activities ECE has cooperated. Section IV describes the cooperation with regional/subregional groupings and initiatives.

I. COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations

ECE:

- participated in the following United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) activities:
Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Programme;

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- cooperated with United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and UNDP and other UN organizations to contribute a regional perspective to the preparations and lead-up to, as well as participated in, the ninth annual session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-9), 16-27 April 2001, which addressed energy-related sustainability issues;
- participated in the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development, 26 February - 2 March 2001, in New York and the Inter Agency Task Force on Sustainable Energy, 27 November 2000, in Paris and 1 March 2001, in New York;
- cooperated with the United Nations Foundation and United Nations Foundation for International Partnerships in the field of energy efficiency.

ECE also cooperated with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the Application of the UN International Classification for Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities, the harmonization of terminology for the evaluation of world energy resources and the development of sustainable energy indicators.

II. COOPERATION BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ECE ACTIVITIES

European Commission

The European Commission participated in the following ECE activities:

- Working Party on Gas, eleventh session, 23-24 January 2001, Geneva;
- Committee on Sustainable Energy, tenth session, 31 October - 2 November 2000, Geneva;
- Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power, third session, 30 October 2000, Geneva;
- Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections, third session, 3 November 2000, Geneva;
- Gas Centre Task Force on the Implementation of the EU Gas Directive, fourth meeting, 28 November 2000, Brugge, Belgium;
- Gas Centre Task Force on Gate 2010, fourth meeting, 5-6 October 2000, Istanbul, Turkey, and fifth meeting, 21-22 March 2001, Budapest, Hungary;
- Gas Centre Sixth High-level Conference on Reform and Restructuring of Gas Markets, 5-6 April 2001, Vienna, Austria.

Other organizations

Cooperation and participation at ECE meetings of the following organizations is also noted: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), International Energy Agency, Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States, Secretariat of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, United Nations Foundation, United Nations Foundation for International Partnerships, World Bank, and Energy Charter.

III. COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Intergovernmental organizations

- International Energy Agency
- Energy Charter
- Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and review of technical papers
- Interstate Economic Committee of the Economic Union of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).
- Coal and Metal Community of the CIS

Non-governmental organizations

- World Energy Council
- World Coal Institute
- Union of Producers and Distributors of Electrical Energy (UNIPEDA)/EURELECTRIC)
- International Committee for Coal Petrology
- International Organization for Standardization
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)
- European Union of Natural Gas Industries (EUROGAS)
- International Federation of Industrial Energy Consumers
- International Gas Union (IGU)
- Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME)
- World LPG Association
- European LPG Gas Association (AEGPL)
- Union for the Coordination of Transmission of Electricity (UCTE)
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- International Association for Natural Gas Vehicles
- European Importers and Suppliers of Coal (EURISCOAL)
- European Solid Fuels Association (CECSO)
- Centre for Energy Efficiency (EnEffect)
- Agency for Rational Energy Use and Ecology (ARENA ECO)
- Alliance to Save Energy (ASE)

In connection with the Gas Centre, cooperation took place with EU, Energy Charter, Eurogas, International Gas Union (IGU), Association de l'Industrie de Gaz en France (ATG) and Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Énergie (OME).

IV. REGIONAL/SUBREGIONAL GROUPINGS, INITIATIVES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The ECE secretariat has been providing technical back-up and support to the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) in the following projects: (1) Development of

Interconnection of Electric Power Systems of the SECI Countries for Better Integration into the European System; and (2) Regional Transmission Planning in the SECI Member Countries.

The Regional Advisor on Energy has been managing the project on the Rational Use of Energy and Water Resources of Central Asia within the framework of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA).
