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First Workshop on Energy Efficiency and Energy Security in the CIS
Minsk, Belarus, 10–12 October 2001

INFORMATION NOTICE

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This project “Energy Efficiency and Energy Security in CIS” is being implemented through the Division for Sustainable Energy of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) with the assistance of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States and support from the Ministry for Science and Technology of the Russian Federation.
2. The strategic purpose of this project is to analyse energy conservation in the CIS countries; to develop multilateral cooperation in this sphere between ECE member states, including energy management techniques; to demonstrate the role and possibilities of energy conservation and energy efficiency of the economy in enhancing the energy security of the Commonwealth of Independent States and its member countries. It is also to examine the investment requirements of national energy efficiency programmes emphasising a selection of CIS countries: Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and the Ukraine. This will include descriptions of several best practice case studies of energy efficiency projects already financed in these countries.
3. The project has been developed by a Project Working Group on the basis of information provided by national experts appointed by the governments of the CIS member States. During the first phase of the project this group has elaborated a study “Energy Conservation as a Factor in Increasing the Energy Security of the CIS Member States”.

4. The second phase of this work is implemented under the Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation project (ECE-CIS-99-043) supported by the United Nations Foundation (UNF) and the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP). In accordance with the UNF/UNFIP Project Document Output 2.1 Energy Efficiency and Security Study of Eastern Europe and the CIS, three workshops are to be organised in different CIS countries in order to assist local authorities in creating a framework for implementing conclusions and recommendations of the study "Energy Conservation as a Factor in Increasing the Energy Security of the CIS member States". The first workshop will be held in Minsk, Belarus, from 10 to 12 October 2001.

II. PURPOSES OF THE WORKSHOP

5. The workshop shall have as its purposes:

- Exchange of experience between national and international experts on measures to be undertaken in CIS aimed at shaping valid market-oriented energy conservation management structures.
- Identification of priority areas of economic cooperation with regard to energy conservation in CIS.
- Discussion of coordinated approaches to the improvement of energy supply sustainability in general and to the implementation of energy conservation policy in particular.
- Presentation of practical results on implementation of national energy efficiency measures through real energy efficiency projects to be undertaken in CIS member countries.

III. ORGANISERS OF THE WORKSHOP

6. The workshop will be conducted by the UNECE Energy Division, the Belarus State Committee on Energy Efficiency and Control, the Belarus State Company "Belenergoberezhnie", non-governmental organisation "ECOMIR", working in close cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Russian Ministry of Industry, Science and Technology.

IV. DATE AND VENUE

7. The workshop will be held from 10 to 12 October 2001 at the company "Belenergoberezhnie".

V. MAIN TOPICS OF THE WORKSHOP

8. The main topics of the workshop will be:

- Effectiveness of energy efficiency programmes in CIS member countries, including efficiency gains and emission reductions: historical trends; future trends and costs.

- Assessment of outlay on implementation of major energy efficiency measures (short-term, middle-term and long-term) in the main sectors of the economy.
- Description of the most acceptable financial mechanisms for realisation of energy efficiency policy in each particularly CIS member country.
- Description of Energy Efficiency Demonstration Zones to have been set up in CIS member countries within the framework of the Energy Efficiency 21 project.
- Description of successful energy efficiency projects implemented in 1995-2000 that could be recommended for other CIS member countries.
- Description of energy efficiency projects for which business plans have been prepared but not yet carried out. Reasons why these projects at the stage of stand-by should be presented.
- Discussion of the draft of a possible agreement in the field of energy efficiency and energy saving between CIS member States.

7. It is planned to hold four or five working sessions to cover the topics listed above.

VI. WORKING LANGUAGES

8. The workshop's working languages will be English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

VII. REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPERS

9. For the preparation of the annotated agenda of the workshop, the organizing committee needs to know the topic of your paper (please indicate the topic in the attached registration form). Submitted papers should be prepared in accordance with the usual international requirements.

VIII. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

10. The organisers will arrange hotel accommodation for participants at their request.

IX. CONTACTS

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I wish to participate in the sightseeing tour YES _____ NO _____

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