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## **Report of the APA Standing Committee On**

### **Energy**

**Jakarta, 27 November 2008**

The Standing Committee on Energy held its meeting on 27 November 2008 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

1. Honorable, Dr. Hezam Bin Hazza Al- Otaibi, Member of the Consultative Council of Saudi Arabia chaired the meeting. Honorable, Mr. Simon Patrice Morin, Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the Standing Committee. The Chair was assisted by APA Assistant Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Amir Zamaninia
2. Document before the Standing Committee was:  
  
EC1/2008/01: Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia,
3. The Standing Committee first sought the background information on the Draft Resolution and on major issues to be decided upon. It was pointed out that the Sub-Committee met twice, in Moscow and Tehran, in 2008, considered the report of the Secretary-General (SG/Rep/2008/01/rev.1), and developed the Draft Resolution before the Standing Committee. It was also stressed that the Sub-Committee considered it important to take advantage of Parliament and government experts to study the many ideas in the report of the Secretary-General, particularly the issues of stability of energy market, energy efficiency, energy intensity and the concept of Asian Gas Network. Therefore, the Standing Committee was expected to establish the “Energy Advisory Group” to study the issues and to provide a report to the meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009.
4. The Standing Committee considered the Draft Resolution and significant exchanges of views took place on various aspects of the draft resolution on Energy. There was general agreement that the Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia is a critically important resolution dealing with an issue of great importance to both suppliers and consumers of energy in Asia.



5. Some delegations underlined that the areas to be explored under this resolution should also include renewable sources of energy. There was also general agreement that the “Energy Advisory Group” should have the full support of and contribution from parliament and government energy experts.
6. Many delegations including the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Philippines and China proposed amendments or made observations that contributed to further enriching the Draft Resolution on Integrated Energy Market in Asia contained in Document EC1/2008/01.
7. The Sub-Committee agreed on the text of the Draft Resolution as amended to be forwarded to the Plenary for final adoption. The Draft Resolution as amended is now issued under Document APA/Energy/2008/01, dated 27 November 2008. The Operative part of the Draft Resolution Reads:
  1. *Decide* to establish “Advisory Groups” as need arises on specific issues of energy to provide technical advice to the Sub-Committee in order to pursue the implementation of the objectives delineated in the Plan of Action on Promotion of Asian Integrated Energy Market;
  2. *Decide* also to establish, in the context of Paragraph one above, an “Advisory Group”, when at least five Member Parliaments express their readiness to do so, in order to study “Stability of Energy Market”, “ Energy Intensity and Efficiency” and the “Asian Gas Network” in the report of the Secretary-General;
  3. *Encourage* energy expert(s) of Member Parliaments supported by governments’ expert(s) to be member of APA “Advisory Groups” to further give political impetus to help pursue the implementation of the objectives delineated in the Plan of Action on Promotion of Asian Integrated Energy Market;
  4. *Urge* Member Parliaments to report to the Secretary-General about their national endeavors with increasing energy efficiency and decreasing energy intensity as outlined in the Paragraph 33 of the Secretary-General’s Report;
  5. *Request* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member Parliaments on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
8. Delegations of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, the Philippines, Russian Federation, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Turkey expressed interest to participate in the work of



the “Energy Advisory Group” and thus it is practically established if and when the Plenary adopt the draft resolution.

9. It was stressed that the “Energy advisory Group” and the Sub-Committee on Integrated Energy Market in Asia are open-ended and all Member Parliaments are encouraged to participate in them.
10. The Honorable Delegate from Saudi Arabia undertook to explore if the Parliament of Saudi Arabia could host the first meeting of the “Energy Advisory Group” to prepare a report for consideration of the Sub-Committee on Integrated Energy Market in Asia.
11. The Honorable Delegate of the Philippines and the Honorable Delegate of the Russian Federation also expressed readiness, subject to later confirmation, to host the meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2009.
12. The APA Secretariat advised that taking into account the schedule of the meetings of other Sub-Committees, it may be advisable to hold the meeting of the “Energy Advisory Group” sometime in May 2009, and the meeting of the Sub-Committee sometime in July 2009.