

## Report of the Advisory Group on Energy (5<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Naryan-Mar -Russian Federation

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1. The meeting was chaired by the delegation of the State of Kuwait, MP. Dr. Khalil Abdullah Abul.
2. The meeting was attended by representatives of 19 APA member states.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Dr. Khalil Abdullah Abul presented a detailed explanation of the study submitted by the National Assembly of Kuwait. It was agreed to discuss any amendments or proposals at the next meeting. Delegations were requested to send the amendments by e-mail to the Secretariat.
5. The Chairman proposed to merge the original draft resolution presented by APA Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development : "Integrated Energy Market in Asia" and the draft resolution submitted by the National Assembly of Kuwait "Establishment of the Asian Energy Market". This proposal was approved by the delegations taking part in the meeting.
6. The Delegate from the Russian Federation expressed support for the proposal submitted by the State of Kuwait to merge the two draft resolutions and also proposed the establishment of an external committee of experts specialized in alternative and clean energy in Asia.
7. On the other hand, the delegations of Iran, Cambodia, Laos, Iraq and Turkey supported the proposal of the State of Kuwait to merge the Russian-Kuwaiti draft resolution.

8. The head of the Iraqi delegation stressed that green areas should be established for renewable energy and that it is necessary to begin the gradual transition to clean energy in Asia. He also thanked Kuwait for hosting the "Desertification" initiative in 2014.

9. For his part, the Lao delegate presented a proposal for the development of electric power in Asian countries as soon as possible to keep up with the global development of electric energy. He cited the example of the signing of an agreement between Malaysia and Indonesia on clean and renewable energy, and coordination with other Asian countries exporting energy to protect the environment in the Asian continent.

10. The delegate from the Syrian Republic referred to the importance of preserving the nature of the Asian continent and the use of science to improve the types of plants with high water content to protect the sources of water income. He also stressed the need to help farmers to develop agricultural irrigation in order to reduce water waste.

11. In conclusion, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Dr. Khalil Abdullah Abul pledged to submit a new draft resolution on energy within two months to be adopted at the next Executive Board meeting.