

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation
8th Energy Sector Coordinating Committee (ESCC) Meeting
November 12, 2008, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan
Minutes of Meeting

1. The Meeting was attended by delegations from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan (could not attend the Meeting in person but participated through bilateral discussions with World Bank/ADB staff), People's Republic of China (PRC), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.. The International Financial Institutions (IFIs) represented were Asian Development Bank (ADB), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the World Bank. The meeting was moderated by the World Bank (Mr. Raghuvveer Sharma, Team Leader Energy Programs). The List of Delegates is provided in Attachment 1.
2. The objective of the meeting was to agree on the Strategy for Regional Cooperation in the Energy Sector of CAREC Countries (CAREC Energy Strategy) and endorse it to be submitted to the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) scheduled on November 19, 2008 in Baku, Azerbaijan, with the expectation that SOM would endorse it and submit it to the Ministerial Conference on November 21, 2008 in order to get final approval.
3. The focus of the Meeting was, as instructed by the September SOM (held in Baku) to reach an agreement on: (a) Bullet #11 in Paragraph 6; and (b) third sentence on Paragraph 25 of the Strategy Document submitted to the SOM in September 2008. After the SOM in Baku, several consultations were held between the World Bank staff (which was later joined by ADB staff) and several of the CAREC countries, based on which a letter was sent on November 6, 2008 to all CAREC countries and IFIs with a revised text of the above two phrases. Further consultations were held with several CAREC countries and based on these a further revised text was proposed for the consideration of the ESCC as follows:
 - Bullet 11 of Para 6 – “consideration of the concerns of the neighboring countries.”
 - Third sentence of Para 25 – “These power plants will focus on generation for export to outside destinations, apart from helping to meet winter power shortages in the domestic markets of those or other Central Asian states by adhering to mutual responsibilities of riparian states in using transboundary watercourses and without inflicting significant harm to the use of water resources by riparian states.”
4. All ESCC delegates, with the abstention of Uzbekistan delegate, agreed upon text for the two phrases. Uzbekistan delegate conveyed that the revised text on the third sentence of paragraph 25 is agreed to. For Bullet #11 of Paragraph 6, however, Uzbekistan's position is for the moment to keep the language as proposed at the September SOM in Baku; but the revised text will be reviewed by Uzbek authorities and a final decision will be conveyed prior to or at the November SOM. The editorial changes made to reflect consistency of terminology used; and agreed changes made in September during the SOM meeting discussions were also endorsed.
5. Accordingly, the ESCC, with the abstention of Uzbekistan (pending further review of Bullet #11 of Paragraph 6) endorsed the CAREC Energy Strategy to be placed before the next SOM in Baku on November 19, 2008.



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The list of participants

**The Islamic Republic of
Afghanistan**

1. Ahmad Wali Shairzay Deputy Minister
Ministry of Energy

Azerbaijan

2. Rasim Mamadov Head of staff
Ministry of Energy

The Peoples Republic of China

3. Mr. Zhang Ruijin Director
International Economic and Technical Cooperation and
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4. Mr. Hao Zhao Deputy Director
Department of International Cooperation Science and
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The Republic of Kazakhstan

5. Ms. Magripa Tussupbayeva Expert
Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources

Kyrgyz Republic

6. Mr. Marat Mamytov Head of Fuel-Energy Department
The Ministry of Industry, Energy and Fuel Resources

Mongolia

7. Ms. Sarangerel Purevsuren Deputy Director
Ministry of Mineral and Energy, Fuel Policy and
Regulation Department

The Republic of Tajikistan

8. Mr. Akram Suleimanov Deputy Minister
The Ministry of Energy and Industry

The Republic of Uzbekistan

9. Mr. Eso Sadullayev Head of National Dispatch Center
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ADB

10. Mr. Robert Y. Siy Director
CWOC
11. Mr. David Kruger Head of CAREC
12. Mr. Bayanjargal Byambasaikhan Energy Specialist
Infrastructure Division,
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World Bank

13. Ms. Annette Dixon Country Director
14. Mr. Raghuveer Sharma Lead Energy Specialist
Energy and Infrastructure Unit,
Europe and Central Asia Region
15. Mr. Franz Vetter Lead Operations Officer, Energy
16. Mr. Christophe Bosch Regional Sector Coordinator
Infrastructure, Energy and Water
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17. Mr. V. Krishnaswami Senior Adviser (Consultant)
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18. Mr. Mirlan Aldayarov Senior Infrastructure Specialist
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20. Mr. Sodyk Khaitov Energy Sector Specialist
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