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**REGULATIONS on STATUS of OBSERVER
of the Commonwealth of Independent States Electric Power Council**

The present Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Electric Power Council Observer Status Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the “Present Regulations”) have been drawn up on the basis of the Agreement of February 14, 1992 on Coordination of Interstate Relations in the Field of Electric Power Engineering of the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) and in accordance with the Commonwealth of Independent States Electric Power Council Status Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”).

1. The CIS Electric Power Council Observer Status (hereinafter referred to as the “Observer Status”) may be granted to the international and other organizations with the aim of making information exchange, arranging cooperation and coordinating the activities (hereinafter referred to as the “Organization”)

2. The organization willing to obtain the Observer Status shall apply to the CIS Electric Power Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Electric Power Council”) with the relevant enquiry via the Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Committee”).

The Executive Committee shall submit the application for consideration of the Electric Power Council as per the established order.

The Executive Committee has the right to request the organization willing to obtain the Observer Status to present the information on the constituent documents, structure of the participants (including founders and members), management bodies as well as open (published) financial reporting data. In case of any changes occurred in the data presented earlier the organization shall inform the Executive Committee accordingly.

3. The decision on granting the Observer Status is taken on the consensus basis.

The consensus is defined as absence of formal objection of at least one member of the Electric Power Council being an obstacle to adopt the resolution.

Any member of the Electric Power Council can announce his disinterest in consideration of the issue of granting the Observer Status that is, however, not being an obstacle for taking the decision.

Representatives of the organization that applied for obtaining the Observer Status may take part in the Electric Power Council Meetings during consideration of the issue provided its members have no objections to that.

The adopted decision on granting the Observer Status along with the Agreement to be signed on behalf of the Electric Power Council between the Executive Committee and the Electric Power Council Observer shall be sent by the Executive Committee to the organization concerned within a one-month period.

The decision on granting the Observer Status comes into force on the date of signing by both Sides the Agreement between the Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council and the Electric Power Council Observer.

4. This Status shall not give the Observer either voting right in adopting decisions of the Electric Power Council at its Meetings or the right to sign the documents. The organization that obtained the Observer Status shall not bear responsibility for the decisions adopted by the Electric Power Council.

The rights and obligations of the Electric Power Council Observer are defined by the Present Regulations and by the Agreement to be concluded by the Executive Committee with the Observer on behalf of the Electric Power Council.

The Model Agreement between the Executive Committee of the Electric Power Council and the Electric Power Council Observer makes Annex to the Present Regulations.

5. Rights of the Observer:

- to attend open meetings of the Electric Power Council;
- to participate in discussions on issues of mutual interest as well as on the Budget of the Executive Committee for the coming year in the frames of definition of the amount of the Observer's payment;
- to participate in drawing up draft documents of the Electric Power Council being mutual interest;
- to join the debate and put forward proposals upon the Chairman's approval;
- to obtain copies of the Meetings' Protocols and decisions and also materials on issues discussed with the participation of the Observer;
- to forward proposals to the Executive Committee on cooperation in the field of electric power engineering for further consideration of the Electric Power Council;
- to participate in the meetings of the Working Groups and other bodies of the Electric Power Council and also in the workshops, conferences and other events organized by the Electric Power Council;
- to effect annual payments in reimbursement of expenses due to the Observer's participation in the Meetings and other events organized by the Electric Power Council;
- to keep permanent contact with the Executive Committee.

6. Obligations of the Observer:

- to respect the principles laid in the Agreement and the in Present Regulations;
- to observe the provisions of the Present Regulations;
- to present under the request of the Executive Committee the necessary documents related to the Observer's participation in the activities of the Electric Power Council;
- to effect annual payments in reimbursement of expenses due to the Observer's participation in the Electric Power Council Meetings and other events;
- to treat as confidential any information made available to the Observer as a result of his participation in the Electric Power Council Meetings and also in the Working Groups meetings, conferences and other events organized by the Electric Power Council;
- to refrain from actions and statements contradicting the interests of the Electric Power Council or its member states and also its decisions.

7. The Executive Committee shall send to the Observer invitations and relevant informational materials required for the Observer's participation in the Electric Power Council Meetings as per the established order.

The Observer shall send to the Executive Committee confirmation of his participation in the Electric Power Council Meetings and events, data on the plenipotentiary representative (representatives) and any other information requested by the Executive Committee and stipulated by the Present Regulations (item 2, passage 3).

8. The Observer shall cover all the expenses due to his participation in the Electric Power Council Meetings and other events organized by the Electric Power Council by effecting annual payments in reimbursement of the outlay for informational and organizational services,

publishing work and interpretation and translation. The amount of such payments is defined by the Electric Power Council equally for each Observer when adopting the Budget for the coming year proceeding from the number of organizations that obtained the Status, total amount of expenses due to the activities of the Electric Power Council, participation of the Observers in its meetings and other events. The payment is effected by way of single payment within the first quarter of the current year. The Observer may contribute to financing the Electric Power Council activity by effecting voluntary target payments.

9. The Observer shall have the right to make a request to the Executive Committee to refuse from the Observer Status whereof the Electric Power Council shall take the appropriate decision provided all mutual obligations are settled.

Should the Observer fail to fulfill his obligations hereunder any member of the Electric Power Council will get the right to put forward a proposal to the Electric Power Council to suspend or cancel the Observer's Status.

The decision on suspension or cancellation of the Observer's Status is taken in compliance with item 3 of the Present Regulations.

The Observer shall take steps to settle the obligations under the Observer's Status within a 3-month period from the date of adoption of the respective decision by the Electric Power Council.

10. All the amendments and additions to the Present Regulations shall be made by the Electric Power Council decision at the meeting.

11. The original copy of the Present Regulations is kept with the Executive Committee, the certified copy whereof is to be sent to the Observer.

The Executive Committee undertakes to keep the list of organizations given the Observer's Status.