Speech of
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Establishment of the Forum

GECF - International Intergovernmental Organization, originally established as a Forum at the Meeting in Tehran, Iran, on May 19-20, 2001 by the statement of the governments of Algeria, Brunei, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Oman, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Norway (Observer).
At the Meeting in Moscow, the Russian Federation, on December 23, 2008, the following documents were signed:

- Agreement on the functioning of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF Agreement);
- The Statute of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF)

These documents constituted the Legal Basis for the GECF
**GECF**

**Ratification process**

- **GECF** became operational on October 1, 2009 when 5 Member-Countries deposited their ratification instruments:
  - The Russian Federation
  - Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
  - Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
  - State of Qatar
  - People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

- **In March 2010 two countries joined them**
  - Arab Republic of Egypt
  - Republic of Equatorial Guinea

- **The remaining Member-Countries are in the Ratification process:**
  - Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
  - Federal Republic of Nigeria
  - Islamic Republic of Iran
  - Plurinational State of Bolivia
As per now following countries have Status of Observers:

**Kazakhstan**

According to the Article 6 of GECF Statute «Any gas exporting country may submit a request to the Secretariat in order to obtain the status of an observer at the Forum».

**Netherlands**

**Norway**
Missions

- To develop and implement necessary steps to guarantee Member-Countries to derive the most value from their gas resources, since gas is a non-renewable source of energy;
- To protect the sovereign rights of Member-Countries over their natural gas reserves as well as the ability to independently plan and provide for sustainable and effective ecology friendly development;
- To exploit and to preserve natural gas reserves to the benefit of their nations;
- Promote integration of the gas markets and its stability.

In accordance with the Procedures of Article 36 of the GECF Statute, the objectives of the Forum could be enhanced subject to unanimous agreement of all Member-Countries.
Activities

- Exchange of experience, information and analysis
- Negotiation of common approaches to current state and future development of gas market
- Coordination of activity of Member-Countries in the gas sector
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Organisation Structure

Ministerial Meeting
President

Executive Board
Chairman

Secretariat
Secretary General
GECF Gas Potential

Proven reserves (bcm)

2008*

- Algeria
- Bolivia
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Iran
- Libya
- Nigeria
- Qatar
- Russia
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Venezuela

Source: IEA

* estimation
Part of the World Proved Gas Reserves

Source: IEA

Proved reserves (bcm) as per January 1, 2009

- Other countries
- Algeria
- Bolivia
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Iran
- Libya
- Nigeria
- Qatar
- Russia
- Trinidad & Tobago

Source: IEA
GECEF Gas Production/Export

Source: IEA

2008*

Venezuela
Trinidad & Tobago
Russia
Qatar
Nigeria
Libya
Iran
Equatorial Guinea
Egypt
Bolivia
Algeria

* estimation
Establishing a platform for exchange of analysis, information and negotiating common approaches to:

- natural gas production and future development of the international gas market;
- analysis and prognosis of the supply/demand balance for gas as well as gas competition with other energy products, namely, oil products, coal, shale gas etc.
- technologies of gas exploration, production and transportation;
- structure and development of gas markets, regionally and globally;
- principles and instruments of fair pricing mechanism for gas exports.

Negotiating common stand for access to capital and financial resources and transparency among Member-Countries in the flow of financial data and know-how.
The Headquarters of the GECF is located in Doha, State of Qatar.

The Headquarters in Doha is functioning in accordance with the Agreement Between the State of Qatar and the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (“GECF”) Regarding The Headquarters of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum signed on December 9, 2009 in Doha, Qatar.

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