

## **Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of “The energy regulators community in the Mediterranean Basin” (MEDREG)**

DATE OF THE MEETING: 20 November 2006

VENUE OF THE MEETING: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sala delle Conferenze Internazionali, Piazzale della Farnesina 1, Rome

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alessandro Ortis

VICE-CHAIRMEN: Mr. Nadjib Otmane and Mr. Yusuf Gunay

PARTICIPANTS: see the attached list ([Medreg doc 01-06](#))

1. Mr Ortis, President of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity and Gas (AEEG), welcomed the participants and invited the European Commission (Ms Marie-Christine Jalabert) and REMEP (Ms Concetta Cecere, Italian Ministry of Economic Development) to take the floor. Ms Jalabert and Ms Cecere underlined the importance of MEDREG and the support that the European Commission and REMEP are ready to give to the initiative, and the common targets to be reached during the year 2007 through an intense international cooperation among Regulators, Commission and other donors.  
The two Vice-Chairmen of MEDREG, Mr Gunay, President of the Energy Market Regulatory Authority (EMRA-Turkey), and Mr Otmane, President of the Commission de regulation de l'électricité et du gaz (CREG - Algeria), underlined the importance of MEDREG's process and the very important contribution that it could bring for a common and integrated regional energy market.
2. The *Agenda* was approved ([Medreg doc 02-06](#)).
3. The *Final Conclusions* of the first Workshop on “The energy regulators community in the Mediterranean Basin” (held in Rome, 29 May 2006), was discussed by the General Assembly and the document was approved. Two unilateral declarations, presented by the regulators of Turkey and Cyprus, were accepted [as annex a\) and b\)](#) to the same document ([Medreg doc 03-06](#)).
4. The *Concept and Strategy Paper* was discussed and representatives from Algeria, France, Portugal, Morocco, Turkey and European Commission suggested some amendments agreed by all participants ([Medreg doc 04-06](#)).
5. The *Internal Rules* ([Medreg doc 05-06](#)) document was discussed and some amendments were proposed namely by: Algeria, France, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey. All amendments were accepted. Moreover, due to start up of the process, the General Assembly decided to add a transitional rule introducing a new article (n. 17) based on the principle of “one vote one country” ([see annex a\) to Medreg doc 05-06](#)); the table concerning the voting rights will be updated on the basis of official data, once the above mentioned transitional rule will expire.
6. The *Work Plan 2007* ([Medreg doc 06-06](#)) was discussed and approved. The Work Plan contemplates the creation of 4 ad hoc Groups (AGs). The General Assembly appointed the 4 leading countries for each AG:
  - AG on *Institutional issues* to the CRE - Commission de régulation de l'énergie -France;

- AG on *Electricity* to the Egyptian Electric Utility & Consumer Protection Regulatory Agency -Egypt;
- AG on *Gas* to the Ministère de l'Industrie, de l'Energie et des Petites et Moyennes Entreprises - Tunisia;
- AG on *Environment, renewable energy sources and energy efficiency* to the Comisión Nacional de Energía - Spain.

The four nominated leaders accepted to provide the names of the Chairperson for each Ad Hoc Group. Moreover, all MEDREG Members have been invited to communicate the names of their representatives in the Ad Hoc Groups.

For the year 2007 the General Assembly decided not to set up Task Forces.

7. The *Budget* ([Medreg doc 07-06](#)) was discussed and approved. To this purpose the Assembly decided to better “understand” the amount of contributions previewed by European Commission, REMEP and other donors in order to better allocate the budget expenses.
8. The Chairman informed the Assembly that all documents will be circulated possibly by using REMEP support.
9. *Any other business*:
  - a. The Chairman proposed 3 logos for MEDREG and the Assembly decided by simple majority for the one annexed ([see Medreg doc 08-06](#)).
  - b. The Assembly approved to hold the next meeting of MEDREG on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 in Rome.**
10. The meeting ended with a closing address made by Mr. Ugo Intini, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs ([see Medreg doc 09-06](#))