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**Statement by the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation
Organisation on Cooperation in Energy Systems**

We, the leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Member States,
guided by our national interests and the principles of mutual respect, equality,
mutual benefit and non-interference in internal affairs,
emphasising that the Member States possess well-developed national electricity
grids,
noting that the energy sector of the SCO countries is among the largest in the world
and meets the needs of a significant share of the global economy,
recognising the strategic importance of energy for sustainable development,
emphasising the importance of reliable and affordable energy supply as a key factor
in ensuring the prosperity of the Member States,

declare the following:

The Member States emphasise that the primary objective of cooperation in energy
systems is to improve the wellbeing of their peoples. They will focus their joint
efforts on ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern
energy for all, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7).

The Member States affirm that modern energy systems should develop without
borders, barriers or artificial restrictions. They proceed from the principle that
energy resources should be supplied to where they are needed, free from political or
technical obstacles. National borders should not impede energy flows that serve the
interests and well-being of the peoples of the Member States.

The Member States emphasise that cooperation among the SCO countries creates favourable conditions for the sustainable development of the energy sector and enhances its innovative potential. They advocate energy justice, ensuring access to energy resources and modern technologies for all countries.

The Member States note the need for a strategic shift from simply increasing generating capacity to the widespread introduction of energy-efficient solutions and digital technologies. A priority for the development of the energy sectors of the SCO countries is becoming not only the construction of new generating capacities but also the introduction of mechanisms for the efficient use of resources. The Member States will actively promote digital technologies, management and forecasting systems, smart metering and energy-saving mechanisms, helping to reduce technological losses and costs for consumers.

The Member States, guided by their national priorities, support the development and interconnection of regional electricity markets, as well as mutually beneficial electricity trade between countries that have the necessary capabilities, with a view to efficiently utilising surplus energy in some regions to cover shortages in others and ensuring regional energy security.

The Member States intend to explore opportunities for harmonising requirements governing the operation of their national energy systems.

The Member States recognise the important role of developing cross-border energy infrastructure in strengthening energy security and ensuring reliable energy links between national energy systems.

The Member States support the development of cross-border high-voltage power transmission lines that will enable the expansion of export-import potential, ensure the stability and security of national energy systems and their reliable backup capacity, and create conditions for the uninterrupted exchange of electricity.

The Member States intend to join efforts to attract investment and promote scientific and technical cooperation. They stand ready to actively cooperate on the development and harmonisation of technical standards, ensuring the technological compatibility of energy systems. Scientific and technical cooperation will serve as a

key driver of innovation, enabling the Member States to pool resources for the modernisation and digitalisation of the SCO's energy infrastructure.

The Member States are committed to developing qualified human resources through the exchange of experience and scientific and technological achievements.

The Member States are convinced that greater cooperation in energy systems will provide a solid foundation for strengthening energy security, expanding mutually beneficial trade, and ensuring the stability and prosperity of all Member States.

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