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POLICY GROUP

Status Report of the Legal Issues Task Force

Note by the Secretariat

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Background

The CSLF Legal Issues Task Force established five priority areas: intellectual property, national legal and regulatory frameworks, international environmental protection instruments, creating a level playing field for CCS, and public awareness. The Task Force conducted the 2nd IEA-CSLF Workshop on Legal Aspects of Storing CO2 in Paris during October 2006. This report describes the status of the Task Force and its activities.

Action Requested

The Policy Group is requested to review and consider the status report of the Legal Issues Task Force.

Conclusions

The Policy Group is invited to note in the Minutes of its next meeting that:

"The Policy Group reviewed and considered the status report of the Legal Issues Task Force."

Legal Issues Task Force CSLF Task Force Strategic Implementation Report (TFIR)

1. Task Force

- 2nd IEA/CSLF Workshop and Publication on Legal Aspects of Storing CO₂
- Conduct Workshop and produce Publication to further investigate the five priority issues (IP, national legal and regulatory frameworks, international environment protection instruments, creating a level playing field for CCS, public awareness) identified in the 1st Workshop (July 2004) and Publication (2005) on Legal Aspects of Storing CO₂

2. Task Force Members

- Tania Constable, Australia (Chair)
- Shona Butler, Australia
- Peter Horracks, European Commission
- Scott Brockett, European Commission
- Carole Lancereau, France
- Philippe Geiger, France
- Jacek Podkanski, France (IEA Secretariat)
- Thomas Kerr, France (IEA Secretariat)
- Hans Spiegler, the Netherlands
- Caroline van Dalen, the Netherlands
- Dag Trygve Enden, Norway
- Mette Karine Gravdahl Agerup, Norway
- Brian Morris, United Kingdom
- Tim Dixon, United Kingdom
- Barbara McKee, United States (IEA WPFF)
- Jeff Price, United States
- Mike Smith, United States

3. Purpose of Task Force

- Goals or outcomes sought include further exploring the five priority issues to:
 - raise awareness of the issues
 - create discussion regarding the five issues (IP, national legal and regulatory frameworks, international environment protection instruments, creating a level playing field for CCS, public awareness) and
 - assist in developing solutions to these issues
- Performance indicators include attendance at Workshop, general level of interest in reviewing Publication, number of copies of Publication sold/downloaded

4. Milestones

- End May 2006 complete drafting of discussion papers on five priority issues
- 17 October 2006, Paris 2nd IEA/CSLF Workshop on Legal Aspects of Storing CO₂
- November/December 2006 Taskforce to finalise draft of legal report and handover to IFA
- Early 2007 IEA to publish 2nd report on Legal Aspects of Storing CO₂

5. Status

- Successful workshop held in Paris on 17 October 2006. Workshop chaired by John Ryan, attracted around 130 participants (mostly legal) from government, industry, the research community and law firms around the world. Discussion between panel members and participants revolved around discussion paper which was circulated prior to the Workshop.
- Discussion paper revised based on comments received during the workshop and during the comment period of one month following the workshop.
- Discussion paper signed off by the Taskforce on 19 December and handed over to the IEA for editing and publishing.
- IEA currently undertaking editing and preparations for publishing with the aim of launching the publication at the G8-IEA-CSLF Workshop in Oslo in June 2007.