

### **FIFTH ENERGY MINISTERS' MEETING**

Mexico will host the Fifth APEC Energy Ministers' Meeting (EMM5).

The Steering Committee for EMM5 met in Mexico City on 28 February 2002. Mr Mario Rodriguez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs of the Ministry of Energy of Mexico chaired the meeting that was attended by delegates from Australia; Canada; Chile; the People's Republic of China; Indonesia; Japan; Singapore; Chinese Taipei; Thailand and the United States. The EWG and APEC Secretariats were also present.

Mexico informed members that the Mexican Minister of Energy would chair the Ministerial Meeting being held on 23 July 2002 at the Camino Real Hotel, Mexico City. Mexico also informed members that an Energy Business Forum would be held concurrently with the Ministerial Meeting and there would be one session on the Ministerial agenda dedicated to a Government/Private Sector Dialogue.

Mexico informed members that the agenda for EMM5 should comprise three elements: a revision of the existing initiatives, an assessment of the current situation of the energy sector and a proposal for future work. The Steering Committee considered a draft program for EMM5 and the Energy Business Forum. Members raised several issues that could be addressed by Energy Ministers at EMM5 and discussed the need for a main theme for the Ministerial. The Chair noted that these matters, and substantive contents of the agenda for EMM5, will be discussed in the months ahead and during the next Steering Committee Meetings. Mexico also reported that any proposal of interest to members should be agreed inter-sessionally before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Steering Committee meeting, to be held in Bangkok on 17 May 2002. The reports and working papers will be presented at EWG23 for approval by members. In order to include all members concerns, Mexico would also carry out inter-sessional, bilateral and multilateral consultations.

The Steering Committee agreed to hold a preparatory meeting of the Steering Committee on 14 May. Mexico will present a report on progress made by the Steering Committee at EWG23. Mexico also proposed holding a 3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee meeting on 14 June in Mexico City and if required, agreed to hold a 4<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting on 22 July.

The Summary Record of the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting has been circulated to EWG members.

#### **Action Proposed for the Twenty-Third Meeting**

- Members to discuss and agree on the agenda and theme for EMM5.
- Members to discuss and agree on the wording of the draft APEC Energy Ministers' Statement.