

PRINCIPLES FOR IEA ACTION ON COAL

The Governing Board at Ministerial Level(1)

considering:

The Agreement on an International Energy Programme, signed in Paris on 18th November, 1974 and the Participating Countries' determination to reduce over the longer term their dependence on imported oil for meeting their energy requirements and to encourage the development of alternative sources of energy such as coal, as provided in Articles 41 and 42 of that Agreement;

The Long-Term Co-operation Programme of the International Energy Agency, adopted by the Governing Board on 30th January, 1976, which provides for the accelerated development of alternative sources of energy; for co-operation in specific energy sectors, including coal; and for other long-term energy measures;

The Ministerial Decision on Group Objectives and Principles for Energy Policy, adopted by the Governing Board meeting at Ministerial level on 5th and 6th October, 1977;

(1) The Conclusions of the Ministerial Meeting will state that the Governing Board "adopted the Principles for IEA Action on Coal and in doing so noted that, although Sections I and II and the Annex do not establish legally binding commitments, the Governments of Participating Countries expressed their firm political determination that, taking into account their individual energy circumstances, they will give effect to those Sections and the Annex in carrying out their policies. The Conclusions of the Ministerial Meeting will also state that the Principles for IEA Action on Coal pertain to all forms of coal other than coal used for metallurgical purposes.