

18. In fulfilling their existing commitment to allow domestic energy prices to reach a level which encourages energy conservation and development of alternative sources of energy, IEA countries will allow coal to develop its full competitive power.

19. They will ensure that the use of oil for electricity generation is minimised by national energy policy planning which, with a minimum of exemptions, precludes new or replacement base load oil-fired capacity; progressively confines oil to middle and peak loads; and makes maximum use of fuels other than oil in dual-fired capacity.

20. They will encourage the development of transportation systems, port facilities and other infrastructure, where necessary, to handle much larger volumes of coal.

21. They will ensure that advanced methods for coal mining, transport and combustion (particularly fluidised bed combustion, improved emissions control and disposal and utilization of solid wastes) and conversion into other fuels, receive high priority in energy R, D & D programmes; and will promote the rapid commercialisation of advanced coal technologies which are economically feasible and environmentally acceptable.

22. IEA countries both as producers and consumers will facilitate the expansion of international trade in coal and will do so on a basis which encourages the development of stable relations between consumers and producers, on fair, reasonable and competitive terms, especially by means of long term contracts. They will ensure that an economic, fiscal and investment climate prevails which is conducive to development of coal production, trade and utilization as envisaged in these Principles for IEA Action on Coal.