

12. Concludes that co-operation with countries which are not members of IEA, and with regional or other groups of countries with significant coal interests, would also make a positive contribution to increased coal use and trade.

13. Concludes that in order to provide reliable long-term conditions for the development of expanded trade and investment in coal, IEA countries should implement domestic measures in a manner which encourages such development.

14. Concludes that it will be necessary to establish procedures for assessment of evolving national coal programmes and policy on an on-going basis, within the IEA. The purpose of such consideration will be to ensure that national coal policy planning in each IEA country proceeds on the basis of co-operation among IEA countries and takes full account of the overall energy situation.

II. Principles for Coal Policy

The Governing Board at Ministerial level adopts the following Principles for Coal Policy(3):

15. As an essential element in meeting future energy needs, and in the light of coal's potential as outlined in Section I, IEA countries will, as common objectives, expand:

(3) The Conclusions of the Ministerial Meeting will state that "The commitment under this Section II and the Annex of any IEA country under whose constitutional structure, state or provincial governments have jurisdiction over any policy or measures called for in this Section II or the Annex, is subject to that policy or measures being adopted by the state or provincial government with jurisdiction. Its national government will, however, endeavour to obtain the co-operation of competent organs, and consensus in due course".