

**COMMUNIQUE
OF THE 9th BRICS ENERGY MINISTERS MEETING
Moscow, Russia**

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I.Preamble

1. We, the Ministers of Energy and the Heads of Delegations from the BRICS countries, met at the 9th BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting under the Presidency of the Russian Federation on the 26th of September 2024.

2. We welcome the expansion of BRICS and reaffirm our desire to jointly, in the spirit of continuity, enhance energy security and promote just and inclusive energy transitions to ensure economic growth and well-being of the peoples of our countries. The complementarity of our energy systems will foster closer cooperation for the benefit of each of our economies.

3. We emphasize that ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7), is a priority on the global energy agenda. We will explore the most efficient way in order to eradicate energy poverty and ensure universal access to energy, through modernization of national energy systems, diversification of energy sources and efficient use of all fuels and advanced technologies while making efforts to reduce environmental impact and greenhouse gas emissions in line with national circumstances, needs and priorities.

II.Energy Security

4. We recognize the crucial role of energy security in promoting social and economic development and achieving the SDGs.

5. We reaffirm our aspiration to work together on energy security, as outlined in the BRICS Energy Security Report, prepared by the BRICS Energy Research Cooperation Platform (BRICS ERCP) in 2023.

6. We reaffirm the importance of mutually beneficial dialogue taking into account different national circumstances, needs and priorities. We also recognize that security and predictability of energy supply and demand are important for energy planning, de-risking investments and sustainable development of the energy sector.

7. We express concern about arbitrary restrictions on energy trade and investment in the energy sector, as well as selective approaches to developing energy systems which undermine the open and non-discriminatory functioning of energy markets, destabilize

global and regional value chains and pose a threat to security of the critical energy infrastructure, including transboundary infrastructure, and ultimately prevent effective reduction in the global energy carbon emissions.

8. We intend to promote energy cooperation among the BRICS countries. We emphasize that guaranteeing universal access to affordable and reliable energy and ensuring energy security is a crucial foundation for economic development, social stability, national security, and the welfare of all nations worldwide. We stress the importance of enhancing energy security and market stability by strengthening value chains, promoting open, transparent, and competitive markets, and ensuring the protection of critical energy infrastructure.

9. We will prioritize stable and reliable supply of energy at affordable prices to consumers through diversification of the energy mix using national resources and trade in energy, in line with our sustainable development goals.

10. Taking into account the need to ensure the accessibility of energy sources, we plan to increase our efforts and investments in energy connectivity, development of energy infrastructure and energy technologies ensuring energy security and sustainability. In order to ensure open, competitive, non-discriminatory, and free international energy markets, we will consider ways to use national currencies in the trade of energy goods.

III. Just and Inclusive Energy Transitions

11. We share a vision that just and inclusive energy transitions should be made in accordance with SDG 7 considering equitable approach, common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

12. We recognize the right of countries to plan and determine the pace and scale of their energy transition pathways taking into account different national circumstances, needs and priorities, including, but not limited to, climate and natural conditions, as well as the structure of the economy and energy mix, in line with their sustainable development goals and climate commitments.

13. In line with technological neutrality, we recognize the role that the widest variety of sustainable and transitional fuels can play in facilitating the energy transitions while ensuring energy security.

14. In this respect we reaffirm that the efficient use of all energy sources and technologies, including but not limited to renewable energy, biofuels, hydropower, fossil fuels, carbon abatement and removal technologies, nuclear power and hydrogen produced

from zero or low-emission technologies, is critical for just and inclusive transitions to more flexible, resilient and sustainable energy systems.

15. We call for the adoption of common, consistent, clear, fair, transparent and internationally recognized guidelines and methodologies for assessment of carbon intensity, energy classification, and mutual recognition of taxonomies.

16. We also share the importance of increasing cooperation in energy efficiency through improved coordination between existing BRICS mechanisms.

17. We express concern that financial and technological constraints could significantly slow the progress in the global energy transition. In this regard, we stress that non-discriminatory access to technologies and low-interest finance is essential for sustainable development.

18. Synergy and collaboration between all energy industry stakeholders including governments, private sector and international financial institutions are crucial to support achieving a just, balanced and orderly energy transition that leaves no one behind.

19. We appreciate the efforts of the Russian Presidency in preparing the BRICS Just Energy Transition Report which we agree to finalize shortly during the Russian Presidency.

20. We underscore the importance of skills development to ensure just and inclusive energy transitions. We encourage the creation of a work stream to foster cooperation on this issue within the BRICS ERCP, note the successful workshop on energy skills in Obninsk held in June 2024, and also support the expansion of the BRICS ERCP report on skills for the energy transition prepared in 2023, to cover the new BRICS member countries.

IV. Energy Access

21. With the aim of ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all we highlight the importance of resilient global supply and value chains and increased investment in energy infrastructure to ensure basic access to energy and eradicate energy poverty contributing to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development.

22. We note that half a million premature deaths of women and children annually is due to indoor pollution and reaffirm our support for clean cooking and call for increased financing, enabling government policies and multilateral partnerships to target universal access to clean cooking by 2030.

V. Technological Cooperation

23. We agreed to deepen cooperation in the field of joint development of technologies that contribute to the just energy transition. We believe that the key condition for reducing the impact on the environment is to collaborate on existing, accessible and new advanced technologies.

24. To accelerate the transition to cleaner and more sustainable energy systems we agree to further cooperate, on a voluntary basis, in the field of standardization and regulatory harmonization, in particular on mutual recognition of requirements and certification procedures. In this regard, we welcome the workshop on hydrogen, as well as the round table discussions on technology cooperation, which were held this year as part of the activities under the auspices of the BRICS ERCP.

25. We reaffirm and recognize the importance of resilient, diversified and sustainable global supply and value chains, including beneficiation of critical minerals at source, as well as development of technologies, critical for energy transition. We recognize the advantages of localizing the value chain of processing energy resources and other raw materials domestically for the benefit of our economies while respecting sovereignty of countries over their natural resources.

26. We agree to deepen cooperation and promote investments, on a voluntary basis, for joint development of technologies and efficient technical appliances that contribute to the just energy transition. All the technologies like that would lead to lowering environmental impact are of priority.

VI. Global Energy Issues

27. BRICS energy cooperation is becoming a critical factor in strengthening multilateralism, promoting energy security and developing global energy sector. Through joint efforts we will be forming a more equitable and sustainable model of energy development, based on the principles of equity and mutual respect for the sovereignty of states, with due consideration of their interests, which is in line with multipolarity.

28. We welcome the informal consultations among the BRICS countries on energy-related issues in international platforms and fora. We will foster this dialogue to promote the interests of the BRICS countries on the global level and in order to enhance the role of BRICS in addressing current issues of the global energy agenda.

VII. BRICS Energy Dialogue

29. We note with satisfaction the progress in the implementation of the “Road Map for BRICS Energy Cooperation up to 2025”, which serves as the basis for building an energy dialogue among BRICS countries. Taking into account the expansion of BRICS membership and significant changes in the global energy landscape, we agree to continue working on its update under the Brazilian Presidency with a view to its extension until 2030.

30. We acknowledge the work of the BRICS ERCP and intend to continue and expand research activities, as well as develop work streams for the purpose of practical implementation of the agreements reached.

31. We support the development of intra-BRICS cooperation on the youth track and welcome the holding of the BRICS Youth Energy Summit.

VIII. Final Provisions

32. We express our appreciation to the Russian Federation for organizing the 9th BRICS Energy Ministers Meeting. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our energy cooperation under the Presidency of the Federative Republic of Brazil in 2025.