

#### **4. Draft terms of reference of the proposed expert working groups of the Committee on Energy**

1. At its first session, the Committee on Energy discussed proposals to establish expert/working groups and requested the secretariat to prepare draft terms of reference for such expert/working groups.
2. Based on the suggestions made at the first session of the Committee on Energy, these expert/working groups could examine and discuss the following topics:
  - (a) Universal access to modern energy services;
  - (b) Renewable energy;
  - (c) Energy efficiency and cleaner use of fossil fuels;
  - (d) Energy connectivity.
3. Given that the programmes of work of the secretariat for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 already include expert group meetings on Sustainable Development Goal 7 and on regional energy connectivity, these expert group meetings could also examine and discuss the proposed topics.
4. More specifically, these expert group meetings could:
  - (a) Examine issues related to national, subregional and regional policy frameworks and identify specific economic, institutional and regulatory measures in order to facilitate the region's transition to a more sustainable energy future;
  - (b) Prepare comprehensive regional studies on the current state of and future prospects for selected areas of work with a view to identifying issues and challenges that could be addressed through regional cooperation;
  - (c) Explore opportunities to enhance cooperation with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the business community and private sector by preparing joint studies and participating in joint events, such as surveys, seminars and workshops;
  - (d) Provide the secretariat with advice in the implementation of the subprogramme on energy, including the formulation and implementation of capacity-building and technical cooperation activities in the region;
  - (e) Examine and discuss any other issue recommended to them by the secretariat or requested by the Committee.