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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once again I find myself at the time of year for sending season's greetings, which gives me the opportunity and pleasure to share with you a reflection on the past year, the progress made and the hopes we can cherish together for the coming year.

Before anything else, please allow me to wish you a very happy festive season and to offer you my most sincere wishes for a happy and successful 2011, professionally and personally, both for you and for your loved ones.

As you know, for me, 2010 has been a year of great change, both in my professional and personal life; since finishing my duties as EDF Chair and CEO, I have been able to devote my time, with much enthusiasm, to my duties as WEC Chair.

Indeed, 2010 has been particularly rich and productive. The Montreal Congress in September was of course the climax and we all can be very proud of this success. 7,500 people took part in it, coming from 140 countries and representing all types of energies and stakeholders. Many well-known figures, of a very high level, including 60 Ministers, were pleased to participate in our Congress. CEOs and leaders from all over the world and from every energy sector took part in the various Congress Round Tables and sessions, not to mention Mr. Ban Ki Moon, from the UN, and Mr. Pascal Lamy, from WMO, who were connected via video. The number and quality of these participants well illustrates the fact that WEC has become, for people in high places, a major space for dialogue and exchange on energy, and that WEC is a real force for these leaders in order to help the planet move towards a more sustainable growth.

During the Congress, WEC unveiled new publications of our studies and activities, including the *2010 Assessment of country energy and climate policies*, the study on *Energy and Urban Innovation* and a special report on *Shale Gas*, all of them having created intense debates.

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The growth in visibility of our Congress has been extremely significant and has contributed towards a better understanding of WEC's works by an extended audience. It is our responsibility to increase this visibility still further in 2011.

Furthermore, 2010 was also the year of the first *Energy Leaders Summit*, which took place in June, 2010 in Beijing, with WEC bringing together Asian leaders of the energy sector, to confront key topics for the region, such as energy security and energy poverty. This effort to create high level events on a regional scale will be continued in 2011.

Actually, at a time when our world has to face major and growing uncertainties, WEC, more than ever, has a role to play for proposing a truly international platform for dialogue, exchange and a place for working out proposals.

In order for WEC to fully embrace this role, there are several exciting projects ahead of us for 2011. I sincerely express my wish that this coming year will allow us to increase WEC's visibility more and more, via our Member Committees and our statements, and to continue our studies and activities at the same high quality, so that they provide an indisputable added value to any technical and political discussion of the international calendar, as well as to all of our members, patrons, partners and sponsors.

Lastly, I wish for 2011 to reinforce again and again our pride in belonging to this great WEC family. I thank every one of you for your professionalism and enthusiasm, which are the very foundation of our success. I am convinced that the coming year will be exciting and prolific.



PIERRE GADONNEIX
WEC Chair