

**CONFERENCE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**

**Statute of IRENA signed in Bonn**

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Statute  
of the  
International Renewable  
Energy Agency  
(IRENA)

The *Parties* to this Statute,

*desiring* to promote the widespread and increased adoption and use of renewable energy with a view to sustainable development,

*inspired* by their firm belief in the vast opportunities offered by renewable energy for addressing and gradually alleviating problems of energy security and volatile energy prices,

*convinced* of the major role that renewable energy can play in reducing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, thereby contributing to the stabilisation of the climate system, and allowing for a sustainable, secure and gentle transit to a low carbon economy,

*desiring* to foster the positive impact that renewable energy technologies can have on stimulating sustainable economic growth and creating employment,

*motivated* by the huge potential of renewable energy in providing decentralised access to energy, particularly in developing countries, and access to energy for isolated and remote regions and islands,

*concerned* about the serious negative implications that the use of fossil fuels and the inefficient use of traditional biomass can have on health,

*convinced* that renewable energy, combined with enhanced energy efficiency, can increasingly cover the anticipated steep increase in global energy needs in the coming decades,

*affirming* their desire to establish an international organisation for renewable energy, that facilitates the cooperation between its Members, while also establishing a close collaboration with existing organisations that promote the use of renewable energy,

*have agreed* as follows:

#### Article I

##### Establishment of the Agency

A. The Parties to this Statute hereby establish the International Renewable Energy Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") in accordance with the following terms and conditions.

B. The Agency is based on the principle of the equality of all its Members and shall pay due respect to the sovereign rights and competencies of its Members in performing its activities.

## Article II

### Objectives

The Agency shall promote the widespread and increased adoption and the sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy, taking into account:

- a.) national and domestic priorities and benefits derived from a combined approach of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures, and
- b.) the contribution of renewable energy to environmental preservation, through limiting pressure on natural resources and reducing deforestation, particularly tropical deforestation, desertification and biodiversity loss; to climate protection; to economic growth and social cohesion including poverty alleviation and sustainable development; to access to and security of energy supply; to regional development and to inter-generational responsibility.

## Article III

### Definition

In this Statute the term "renewable energy" means all forms of energy produced from renewable sources in a sustainable manner, which include, inter alia:

1. bioenergy;

2. geothermal energy;
3. hydropower;
4. ocean energy, including inter alia tidal, wave and ocean thermal energy;
5. solar energy; and
6. wind energy.

#### Article IV

##### Activities

A. As a centre of excellence for renewable energy technology and acting as a facilitator and catalyst, providing experience for practical applications and policies, offering support on all matters relating to renewable energy and helping countries to benefit from the efficient development and transfer of knowledge and technology, the Agency performs the following activities:

1. In particular for the benefit of its Members the Agency shall:
  - a.) analyse, monitor and, without obligations on Members' policies, systematise current renewable energy practices, including policy instruments, incentives,