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**International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)  
and  
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**Agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and the International Renewable Energy Agency concerning the Seat of IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre. Abu Dhabi, 5 April 2011**

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Agreement

between

the Federal Republic of Germany

and

the International Renewable Energy Agency

concerning

the Seat of IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre

The International Renewable Energy Agency  
and  
the Federal Republic of Germany,

*Considering* the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), which entered into force on 8 July 2010;

*Noting* the Resolution adopted by the Conference on the Establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency on 26 January 2009 establishing the Preparatory Commission for the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA);

*Recalling* the decision of the Preparatory Commission for the International Renewable Energy Agency at its second session to base its Headquarters in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and to establish, within the framework of the IRENA Secretariat, the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre, funded by Germany, in Bonn, as well as the IRENA Liaison Office to international agencies and UN-Energy, funded by Austria, in Vienna;

*Recalling* the decision of the Conference on the Establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency to take all possible measures to ensure the rapid and effective establishment of the International Renewable Energy Agency;

*Desiring* to regulate the relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and the International Renewable Energy Agency arising from the establishment of and the necessity for the effective discharge of the functions of the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre in the Federal Republic of Germany;

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) "the Parties" means the International Renewable Energy Agency and the Federal Republic of Germany;
- (b) "the host country" means the Federal Republic of Germany;
- (c) "the Statute" means the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) opened for signature at Bonn on 26 January 2009, which entered into force on 8 July 2010;
- (d) "IRENA" means the International Renewable Energy Agency established under the Statute;
- (e) "the Assembly" means the supreme organ of IRENA according to Article VIII paragraph A number 1 and Article IX of the Statute;
- (f) "the Secretariat" means the principal organ of IRENA according to Article VIII paragraph A number 3 and Article XI of the Statute;
- (g) "the IITC" means the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre, established in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany, within the framework of the Secretariat;
- (h) "the Government" means the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany;
- (i) "the competent authorities" means Bund (federal), Länder (state), or local authorities under the laws, regulations and customs of the Federal Republic of Germany;

(j) "the IITC district" means the premises, being the buildings and structures, equipment and other installations and facilities, as well as the surrounding grounds, as specified in a Supplementary Agreement between IRENA and the Government; and any other premises occupied and used by the IITC in the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with this Agreement, or any other supplementary agreement with the Government;

(k) "the Director-General" means the Director-General appointed by the Assembly of IRENA pursuant to Article XI paragraph B of the Statute;

(l) "the Director of the IITC" means the seniormost official of the IITC as appointed by the Director-General;

(m) "Delegates" means the designated representatives of Members of IRENA as well as the designated representatives of Signatories of the Statute, and members of their respective delegations attending any meeting or other events of IRENA;

(n) "IRENA staff" means the Director-General and all members of the staff of IRENA appointed by him or her, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of those who are locally recruited and assigned to hourly rates;

(o) "IITC staff" means all IRENA staff whose duty station is in the host country;

(p) "advisers and experts performing missions" means persons, other than IRENA staff, undertaking missions for IRENA in the host country;

(q) "immediate dependents" means the spouse or registered civil union partner and children who are under 18 years of age or, if economically dependent and forming part of the household, under 28 years of age;

(r) "the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations" means the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations done at Vienna on 18 April 1961, to which the Federal Republic of