

Motion

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and the Members of the Bundestag Dr Hermann Scheer, Ulrich Kelber, Dirk Becker, Dr Axel Berg, Marco Bülow, Petra Bierwirth, Gerd Bollmann, Martin Burkert, Ute Kumpf, Lothar Mark, Dr Matthias Miersch, Marko Mühlstein, Detlef Müller, Christoph Pries, Heinz Schmitt, Thomas Oppermann, Frank Schwabe, Dr Peter Struck and the SPD parliamentary group

and the Members of the Bundestag Hans-Josef Fell, Bärbel Höhn, Winfried Hermann, Peter Hettlich, Bettina Herlitzius, Ulrike Höfken, Dr Anton Hofreiter, Sylvia Kotting-Uhl, Undine Kurth, Nicole Maisch, Renate Künast, Fritz Kuhn and the Alliance 90/The Greens parliamentary group

Foundation of an International Renewable Energy Agency – IRENA

The Bundestag is requested to adopt the following motion:

1. The German Bundestag welcomes the Federal Government's initiative for the foundation of an International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in the form of an international intergovernmental organisation.

This initiative is in line with the resolution submitted by the German delegation with cross-party support and adopted by the International Parliamentary Forum held in Bonn on 2 June 2004. The resolution states: "Promoting renewables requires new institutional measures in the field of international cooperation. To facilitate technology transfer on renewables and energy efficiency and to develop and promote policy strategies, the most important institutional measure is to establish an International Renewable Energy Agency (IREA), which should be set up as an international intergovernmental organization. Membership would be voluntary, and all governments should have the opportunity to join at any time. The Agency's primary tasks would be to advise governments and international organizations on the development of policy and funding strategies for renewables use, to promote international non-commercial technology transfer, and to provide training and development. It would also be responsible for information and communications on renewables at international level, as well as certification and standardization in the field of renewables technology. The IPF recommends a renewable energies technology transfer to promote the dissemination of noncommercial renewable energies technologies."

The German Bundestag reaffirmed this in a motion (printed paper 16/4045) adopted on 16 November 2007, which had been submitted by the CDU/CSU and SPD parliamentary groups on 17 January 2007.

2. The will of the German Bundestag is being translated into action via the international Preparatory Conference held by the Federal Government from 9 to 11 April 2008, and the Founding Conference due to be held in Bonn from 26 to 28 November 2008.
3. The German Bundestag supports the Federal Government's intention to bid, at the general assembly of the newly established IRENA, for the seat of the organisation to be located in Germany.

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Volker Kauder, Dr Peter Ramsauer and parliamentary group
Dr Peter Struck and parliamentary group
Renate Künast, Fritz Kuhn and parliamentary group