

**PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE  
INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**  
Fifth Session  
Abu Dhabi, 3 April 2011  
Agenda item 4

**Draft Decision of the Preparatory Commission on a  
Draft Decision on Multilingualism**

The Preparatory Commission for the International Renewable Energy Agency, at its fifth session,

*Recognising* that multilingualism promotes unity in diversity and international understanding aiming at peaceful coexistence and at a sustainable world;

*Emphasising* the need for enhanced international efforts for the promotion of renewable energy worldwide;

*Recognising* that an international organisation must engender ownership by all its Members;

*Noting* that English is the working language of the Preparatory Commission;

1. *Decides* to recommend to the Assembly to adopt at its first session the draft decision annexed hereto.

## **Draft Decision on Multilingualism**

The Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency at its first session,

*Noting* with great satisfaction the historical number of Signatories to the Statute from across the five continents and encouraging further accession to IRENA and further ratifications;

*Stressing* the need to open IRENA to all parts of the world, including to those States that have signed and/or ratified as well as to those who will join in the future;

*Affirming* therefore the importance of multilingualism in enabling an inclusive approach for the development of IRENA that benefits all Members;

*Expressing* gratitude for the commitment of the host country to continue to provide fixed conference service funding for uses determined by the Agency, including interpretation services in all applicable UN languages for the Assembly and policy-making meetings in the host country;

*Stressing* the need for smooth, cost-effective, gradual and efficient implementation of multilingualism in IRENA;

*Underlining* the necessity to develop IRENA's institutional, programmatic and operational capacity in order to ensure the effective implementation of its objectives and activities, as stipulated in the Statute;

*Acknowledging* that according to its Statute, IRENA is composed of three organs of different nature, each with its own role, capacities, working methods and rules of procedure;

*Acting* pursuant to Article IX, paragraph A of the Statute of IRENA;

*Decides*

1. to stress the value of multilingualism in its governance processes and in its outreach, and the inclusiveness and participation that this approach promotes.
2. to request the Director-General of IRENA to submit to the Assembly, no later than at its third session, options with concrete measures, including cost implications, aiming at a progressive integration of official UN languages to advance the work of the Agency, based on a reasonable and cost-effective use of the resources of the organisation.
3. to review the progress made in the implementation of the present decision no later than at its sixth session.