

**INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**

Second session of the Assembly

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**Decision on the establishment of a Fund for  
Developing Country Representatives (FDCR)**

The Assembly,

*Reaffirming* that the accomplishment of the mission of IRENA, and the achievement of its objectives in the promotion of the ‘*widespread and increased adoption and the sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy*’, necessitates the broadest possible participation of all IRENA Members in the Agency’s decision making processes;

*Underlining* that the effective participation of both developed and developing countries in the work of IRENA will continue to be one of the major strengths of the Agency as it will result in a high level of inclusiveness, ownership and transparency in the activities of the Agency;

*Recalling* Financial Regulations, and particularly Financial Procedure 109.1 (c) on programme support costs;

*Having considered* the Report of the Director-General on the establishment of a fund to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries in IRENA meetings (A/2/17) prepared pursuant to a request from the Council at its second meeting as reflected in document C/2/SR/L.1;

1. *Approves* the establishment of a Fund for Developing Country Representatives (FDCR) to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries in IRENA meetings, based on the below criteria and modalities:

- i. Eligibility for funding will currently be limited to Members of IRENA that fall under the category of Least Developed Countries (LDC), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) as per UN definition. Non IRENA Members from LDC and SIDS will be exceptionally funded until, and including, the third Assembly. Following the third Assembly, only IRENA Members (LDC and SIDS) will be eligible for funding;
  - ii. Travel related to meetings of IRENA's governing bodies (Assembly, Council, as well as subsidiary organs) will be covered by the Fund; in the case of the Council and subsidiary organs, only members of these bodies will be eligible for funding;
  - iii. Funding will cover the head of delegation plus one alternate. Funding will include airfare, daily subsistence allowance (DSA), and terminal expenses. DSA will be disbursed, based on actual presence, after the closure of the meeting;
  - iv. Payment of travel expenses will normally be limited to the cost of economy class travel for journeys less than nine hours duration, and business class for travel of more than nine hours. Tickets will be booked through IRENA on the shortest and most economical route;
  - v. Due to the voluntary nature of contributions and the uncertainties related to levels of funding, support to delegations will depend on available funds for each meeting, and funds will be equally allocated to all eligible delegations;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to establish the Fund, and staff it appropriately, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, Procedures and other applicable directives and guidelines with a view to providing funding in time for the third meeting of the Council, depending on the level of contributions received thus far;
3. *Invites* Members, Signatories and States in accession to contribute to the Fund.