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INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

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Decision on the Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017

The Assembly,

Reaffirming its belief in the vast opportunities offered by renewable energy in meeting growing energy demand, addressing energy security and stimulating sustainable economic growth;

Recognising that the decarbonisation of energy is key to meeting the climate objectives and that renewable energy plays a central role in this regard;

Stressing the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recalling that Goal 7 sets out to substantially increase the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030;

Welcoming the adoption of the Paris Agreement at COP21 that recognises the requirement for deep reductions in global emissions and emphasises the urgency in addressing climate change and calls for enhanced deployment of renewable energy in developing countries to promote universal access to sustainable energy;

Emphasising IRENA's central role in enabling international cooperation and in supporting countries to transform their energy systems with a greater share of renewable energy;

Emphasising further IRENA's strategic objective as the global voice for renewable energy to promote the widespread and increased adoption and the sustainable use of all forms of renewable energy;

Reaffirming its determination to strengthen the role, capacity, and impact of the Agency to remain responsive to the changing global environment and evolving needs of its Members;

Noting the continued increase in the Agency's membership and the resulting growth in demand for its services;

Acknowledging the extensive consultation conducted to reflect a balance of diverse needs and priorities in the proposed Work Programme and Budget;

Mindful of the challenges posed due to the difficult global economic environment and *noting* that the future growth of the Agency will require a diversified resource base;

Recalling Article XII of the Statute on the budget of the International Renewable Energy Agency;

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017;

Taking into account the views expressed by Members during the consideration of this item:

- 1. *Decides* to adopt the proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2016-2017 comprising:
 - a. Core assessed budget of USD 42.934 million to cover core activities and administrative costs, across the biennium;
 - b. Core non-assessed contribution from the UAE of USD 8.2 million, across the biennium; and
 - c. Core-non-assessed contribution from Germany for the operations of the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre (IITC) in Bonn of USD 10 million across the biennium.
- 2. *Invites* Members to provide voluntary and other contributions to enable the Agency to fully implement the proposed Work Programme;
- 3. *Requests* the Director-General to establish partnerships and cooperative arrangements with bilateral, multilateral and international initiatives and entities to jointly implement elements of the Work Programme, as appropriate; and
- 4. *Authorises* the Director-General to make transfers between appropriations subprogrammes pursuant to Financial Procedure 104.1 (b) up to the limit of 15 per cent of the amount appropriated for the sub-programme in question.