

**INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**

Third session of the Assembly  
Abu Dhabi, 13 – 14 January 2013

**Decision on IRENA Programmatic and Budgetary Cycle**

The Assembly,

*Recognizing* the multiyear nature of a large part of the IRENA work programme and that the planning of activities has to be done in a systematic manner, with sufficient time allocated for implementation and review;

*Recognizing also* that a biennial programmatic and budgetary cycle would facilitate the alignment of longer-term programmatic activities with IRENA's vision and strategy;

*Noting* that a biennial programmatic and budgetary cycle also brings about greater efficiency both in terms of staff time for preparation of work programmes and budgetary submission by the Secretariat, as well as for Members who would review and approve resources every two years rather than annually;

*Having considered* the Report of the Director-General on IRENA Programmatic and Budgetary Cycle contained in A/3/24 and the Council recommendations contained in C/4/SR/1;

1. *Decides to approve* the biennial work programme and budgetary cycle effective 2014-2015 as the first biennium;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to consult with Members to elicit their views on the IRENA work programming to be taken into consideration in the development of the biennium work programme and budget within the overall Medium-term Strategic framework;

3. *Requests* the Director-General to continue to submit annual reports on the progress in implementation of the biennial work programme and budget as well as requests for adjustments, as required;
4. *Requests* the Director-General to submit amended Interim Financial Regulations to the Assembly for its consideration and adoption at its fourth session.