

**INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**

Fourth meeting of the Council

Abu Dhabi, 12 – 13 November 2012

**Decision on amended Rules of Procedure for the Assembly regarding  
Council composition, election, and rotation**

The Council,

*Recalling* that the Statute of the International Renewable Energy Agency states in Article X.A. that the members of the Council shall be elected on a rotating basis as laid down in the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, with a view to ensuring effective participation of developing and developed countries and achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution and effectiveness of the Council's work;

*Recalling further* that, pursuant to Article X.A. of the Statute and based on the number of Members of the Agency, the Council consists of 21 members and that the members of the Council shall be elected for a term of two years;

*Having considered* the report on Council Composition, Election and Rotation as contained in C/4/14 submitted by the Facilitators appointed by Assembly decision A/2/DC/3;

*Noting with gratitude* the efforts of the Facilitators in enabling inclusive and transparent consideration of the matter;

*Expressing* its appreciation for the flexibility and spirit of compromise demonstrated by all members of the Council and other Members, Signatories, and States in Accession;

*Emphasizing* its commitment to maintaining open and inclusive participation in its work;

*Bearing in mind* the need to ensure inclusiveness and engagement by all countries in the global efforts to scale up the deployment of renewable energy with the objective of achieving sustainable development;

*Recommends* to the Assembly that it decides:

1. To designate four regional groupings with the framework as listed in Annex 1 of the present decision;
2. To allocate Council seats amongst Members of the Agency<sup>1</sup>, as communicated by the Secretariat 30 days before the relevant Assembly, based on the following regional groupings:
  - a. Europe and Others (seven seats, which shall be allocated on a fair and equitable basis among Eastern Europe, Western Europe, and Others)
  - b. Asia and the Pacific (six seats, of which one will be reserved for Members from the Pacific Islands)
  - c. Africa (five seats)
  - d. Latin America and the Caribbean (three seats, of which one will be reserved for CARICOM Members)
3. To request each regional group, as composed of Members of the Agency, to agree on the designation and rotation of its candidates. Each group may nominate up to three alternates per group on the understanding that each seat carries one vote. Each group shall present alternates alongside candidates to the Assembly.
4. To review the seat distribution at the eighth session of the Assembly to be held in 2018, on the basis of the participation of Members of IRENA and in accordance with the Statute of the Agency;
5. To adopt the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly in Annex 2 of the present decision.

*Requests* the Chair of the Council, in consultation with the President of the Assembly, to communicate the proposed amendments to the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Assembly

---

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this decision, Members of the Agency are those that have deposited an instrument of ratification or accession with the Depositary, according to Articles VI (B) and XIX, at least 30 days prior to the Assembly in which the election will take place.

to all Members of IRENA, Signatories, and States in Accession, as soon as possible after the close of the fourth meeting of the Council;

*Requests* the Secretariat to submit to the third session of the Assembly a consolidated text of all amendments to the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and of the Council with the view to their finalization.

## Regional Groupings

## GROUP A - Europe and Others (53)

Albania	Cyprus	Israel	Poland	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Andorra	Czech Republic	Italy	Portugal	
Armenia	Denmark	Latvia	Republic of Moldova	
Australia	Estonia	Liechtenstein	Romania	
Austria	Finland	Lithuania	Russian Federation	
Azerbaijan	France	Luxembourg	San Marino	
Belarus	Georgia	Malta	Serbia	
Belgium	Germany	Monaco	Slovakia	
Bosnia Herzegovina	Greece	Montenegro	Slovenia	
Bulgaria	Hungary	Netherlands	Spain	
Canada	Iceland	New Zealand	Sweden	
Croatia	Ireland	Norway	Switzerland	

## GROUP B - Asia and the Pacific (53)

Afghanistan	Iran	Maldives	Philippines	Timor-Leste
Bahrain	Iraq	Marshall Islands	Qatar	Tonga
Bangladesh	Japan	Micronesia	Republic of Korea	Turkmenistan
Bhutan	Jordan	Mongolia	Samoa	Tuvalu
Brunei Darussalam	Kazakhstan	Myanmar	Saudi Arabia	UAE
Cambodia	Kiribati	Nauru	Singapore	Uzbekistan
China	Kuwait	Nepal	Solomon Islands	Vanuatu
DPR Korea	Kyrgyzstan	Oman	Sri Lanka	Viet Nam
Fiji	Lao PDR	Pakistan	Syrian AR	Yemen
India	Lebanon	Palau	Tajikistan	
Indonesia	Malaysia	Papua New Guinea	Thailand	

## GROUP C - Africa (54)

Algeria	Congo	Guinea	Morocco	South Africa
Angola	Cote D'Ivoire	Guinea-Bissau	Mozambique	South Sudan
Benin	DR Congo	Kenya	Namibia	Sudan
Botswana	Djibouti	Lesotho	Niger	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Egypt	Liberia	Nigeria	Togo
Burundi	Equatorial Guinea	Libya	Rwanda	Tunisia
Cameroon	Eritrea	Madagascar	Sao Tome and Principe	Uganda
Cape Verde	Ethiopia	Malawi	Senegal	UR of Tanzania
Central African Republic	Gabon	Mali	Seychelles	Zambia
Chad	Gambia	Mauritania	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe
Comoros	Ghana	Mauritius	Somalia	

## GROUP D - Latin America and the Caribbean (33)

Antigua and Barbuda	Chile	El Salvador	Mexico	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina	Colombia	Grenada	Nicaragua	
Bahamas	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Panama	Suriname
Barbados	Cuba	Guyana	Paraguay	Trinidad and Tobago
Belize	Dominica	Haiti	Peru	
Bolivia	Dominican Republic	Honduras	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Uruguay
Brazil	Ecuador	Jamaica	Saint Lucia	Venezuela

## B. ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

### ~~Rule 66 Elective places to be filled (deleted)~~

~~The President shall communicate to the Members together with the Agenda, the anticipated number of seats on the Council to be filled by election at that session, based on the formula set out in Article X, paragraph A of the Statute. Any adjustment in that anticipated number shall be announced by the President at the opening of such session.~~

### New Rule 66: Nominations

For the purpose of elections to the IRENA Council, four candidacy groups are established as elaborated in the annex to the Rules:

- Group A: Europe and Others;
- Group B: Asia and the Pacific;
- Group C: Africa; and
- Group D: Latin America and the Caribbean.

Each group shall agree on the nomination of its candidates and alternates, who shall be Members of the Agency<sup>2</sup> as communicated by the Secretariat thirty days before the relevant Assembly.

### New Rule 67: Distribution of seats

To ensure equitable geographical distribution and effectiveness of its work, the Council will be composed in the following manner:

- Seven (7) seats to members of Group A – Europe and Others, allocation will be determined on a fair and equitable basis among Eastern Europe, Western Europe and Others;
- Six (6) seats to members of Group B – Asia and the Pacific, one of which will be reserved for Members from the Pacific Islands;
- Five (5) seats to members of Group C – Africa;
- Three (3) seats to members of Group D – Latin America and the Caribbean, one of which will be reserved for CARICOM Members.

---

<sup>2</sup> Members of the Agency are those that have deposited an instrument of ratification or accession with the Depository, according to Articles VI (B) and XIX, at least 30 days prior to the Assembly in which the election will take place.

*Each group may nominate up to 3 alternates, and shall present alternates alongside candidates to the Assembly.*

**Rule 68: Term of office** *(deleted)*

~~The term of office of each Council member shall begin upon the close of the regular session at which it is elected and shall end at the close of the second regular session following that election. The term of office of members elected at the first session of the Assembly shall begin immediately after their election.~~