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INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Ninth meeting of the Council Abu Dhabi, 10 – 11 June 2015

Report of the Director-General on Proposed Membership of the Arbitration Panel

- 1. At its third session, in decision A/3/DC/7, the Assembly established an arbitration system for IRENA and adopted the IRENA Provisional Arbitration Rules, which it amended at its fifth session through decision A/5/DC/6. In accordance with Rule 7 of the IRENA Provisional Arbitration Rules, the Council shall approve a list of at least five arbitrators, amongst a list of at least six qualified candidates communicated by the Director-General after obtaining the views of the staff representative body.
- 2. Consistent with this Rule and pursuant to the request of the Assembly in decision A/3/DC/7, the Council, at its fifth meeting in June 2013, approved the list of six candidates proposed by the Director-General in his report on the Proposed Membership of the Arbitration Panel (document C/5/5) for inclusion in the Arbitration Panel (see paragraph 77 of the Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Council of the International Renewable Energy). The Arbitration Panel approved by the Council was as follows:
 - a. Mr. Jerome Ackerman
 - b. Ms. Jan Beagle
 - c. Ms. Rosemary McCreery
 - d. Mr. Francis M. Ssekandi
 - e. Mr. Dayendra Sena Wijewardane
 - f. Mr. Ralph Zacklin
- 3. Subsequent to such approval and in accordance with Rule 7(3) of the IRENA Provisional Arbitration Rules, the six approved arbitrators were appointed for a renewable term of two years.
- 4. Considering that the current term of the arbitrators will end in August 2015, the Secretariat contacted the Arbitration Panel members and all the arbitrators confirmed their willingness to continue for a further two year term. Consistent with the process specified in Rule 7 of the IRENA Provisional Arbitration Rules, the Secretariat consulted with the IRENA Staff Association which confirmed that it had no objection with such proposed extension of the arbitrators' term of service.
- 5. A detailed *curriculum vitae* for each of the arbitrators is available to Members on REmember, the secured area of the IRENA website.
- 6. The Council is invited to consider the Panel of the six arbitrators referred to in paragraph 2 above and to approve a Panel of at least five arbitrators for renewal of their term for a further two year period.