

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

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**Decision on the
Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019**

The Assembly,

Reaffirming its firm belief in the vast opportunities offered by renewable energy in meeting growing energy demand, addressing energy security, and stimulating economic growth and low-carbon development;

Recognising the imperative of creating a sustainable, affordable, secure and inclusive energy system to underpin global growth;

Stressing the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and *recalling* that Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7 sets out to substantially increase the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030;

Recalling also that the Paris Agreement on climate change recognises the requirement for deep reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions and calls for enhanced deployment of renewable energy in developing countries to promote universal access to sustainable energy;

Underlining that the Medium-term Strategy calls for IRENA to play a leading role in the ongoing transformation of the global energy system;

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;

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;

Welcoming the alignment of the Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 with the strategies and objectives of IRENA's Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022;

Welcoming also the extensive consultations with Members on the preparation of the proposed Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019 and its balance of diverse needs and priorities;

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

Stressing the need for a diversified resource base to allow for growth commensurate with IRENA's global role;

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 2018-2019 contained in document A/8/L.4;

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

1. *Approves* the Work Programme and Budget for 2018-2019, with budgetary requirements amounting to USD 64,154 million as specified in Table 1, comprising USD 43,130 million in core assessed and USD 21,024 million in core non-assessed resources;
2. *Notes with appreciation* core non-assessed contributions of USD 9.12 million from the United Arab Emirates and USD 10.2 million from Germany for the operations of the IRENA Innovation and Technology Centre in Bonn;
3. *Invites* Members to provide other core non-assessed contributions to enable the Agency to fully implement the proposed Work Programme and *requests* the Director-General to report on progress in this respect at its ninth session;
4. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2018 contained in the Annex II;
5. *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

6. *Authorises* the Director-General to make transfers between appropriations sub-programmes pursuant to Financial Procedure 104.1 (b) up to the limit of 15 percent of the amount appropriated for the sub-programme in question.