

**INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**

Third session of the Assembly

Abu Dhabi, 13 – 14 January 2013

**Decision on an Agreement on Privileges and Immunities  
for the International Renewable Energy Agency**

The Assembly,

*Recalling* that Article XIII, paragraph B, of the Statute of IRENA provides that Members shall decide upon a separate agreement on privileges and immunities;

*Emphasizing* the need to ensure that IRENA enjoys privileges and immunities similar to those granted to other international organisations in order to assist IRENA in promoting the widespread and increased adoption and the sustainable use of renewable energy in a broad range of countries;

*Considering* that, to this end, it is desirable that the text of an Agreement on privileges and immunities be finalized as early as possible so that the process of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession can be conducted by Members under their own internal procedures and the Agreement can enter into force;

*Recalling* that, at its second session, the Assembly had reached a consensus on the draft, with the exception of section 41, and that it had requested the Governance and Legal Committee to continue its consultations with Members in order to reach an agreement on section 41 and to submit a finalized text to the third meeting of the Council, for transmission to the Assembly for its consideration;

*Recalling further* that at its third meeting, the Council decided to recommend to the Assembly that the text be approved, subject to a determination at the fourth meeting of the

Council that the language versions listed as authentic in section 41 were ready to be submitted to the Assembly;

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Members who participated in the preparation of the new language versions of the Agreement and in the intensive consultation process that followed;

*Noting* that the Council at its fourth meeting adopted decision C/4/DC/1 on an Agreement on Privileges and Immunities and, *inter alia*, decided that all the language versions annexed to document C/4/13 (Draft Agreement on Privileges and Immunities for IRENA) were ready to be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration;

*Taking note* of the draft Agreement on Privileges and Immunities for the International Renewable Energy Agency contained in document A/3/L.13;

*Decides* to approve the submission of the text of the Agreement as contained in document A/3/13 for further action, as appropriate, by Members under their respective internal procedures.