

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Fourth meeting of the Council

Abu Dhabi, 12 – 13 November 2012

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

The Council,

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;

Having considered the language versions transmitted by the Director-General as annexes to document C/4/L.13;

Decides

1. That all the language versions annexed to document C/4/L.13 are ready to be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration;
2. To recommend to the Assembly that it approves the submission of the text of the Agreement for further action as appropriate by Members under their respective internal procedures.