

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

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**Decision on the
Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022**

The Assembly,

Reaffirming its desire to promote the widespread and increased adoption and use of renewable energy with a view to sustainable development;

Emphasising the vast opportunities offered by renewable energy to addressing energy security and the major role it can play in a sustainable, secure and gentle transit to a low-carbon economy;

Reaffirming its belief that renewable energy, combined with energy efficiency, can increasingly meet the global energy needs in the coming decades;

Underlining that renewable energy can enable and accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and *stressing* its role in providing practical and affordable solutions to development challenges;

Recognizing the untapped renewable energy potential that can significantly contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the Paris Agreement on climate change and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);

Commending IRENA's progress in becoming the global voice of renewable energy;

Emphasising the Agency's global membership and direct access to the wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise of its Members;

Underlining the role of Agency as the global authority that facilitates the cooperation between its Members and sets the global renewable energy agenda;

Welcoming IRENA's leading role in the transformation of the global energy system as a centre of excellence for knowledge and innovation, a global voice of renewable energy, a network hub for all stakeholders and a source of advice and support for countries;

Noting with appreciation the efforts to consult broadly and extensively during the process of development of the Medium-term Strategy;

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Draft Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022 contained in document A/8/L.11 and the views expressed by Members during the consideration of this item;

1. *Decides* to adopt the Medium-term Strategy 2018-2022;
2. *Requests* the Director-General to submit to the Assembly, at its eleventh session, a midterm evaluation of the Strategy with the view to its further refinement.