

INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

Second meeting of the Council

Abu Dhabi, 13 – 14 November 2011

**Decision of the Council on the
Appointment of Facilitators on Council Composition,
Election and Rotation**

The Council, at its second meeting,

Recalling Article X of the Statute which requires that the members of the Council shall be elected on a rotating basis, with a view to ensuring effective participation of developing and developed countries and achieving fair and equitable geographical distribution and effectiveness of the Council's work and that the members of the Council shall be elected for a term of two years;

Noting Assembly decision A/1/DC/10/Rev.1 on the establishment of Committees;

Noting also Assembly decision A/1/DC/13 on the membership of the Council of the International Renewable Energy Agency and the request of the Council to the Governance and Legal Committee, in connection with its review of the Provisional Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, to review the mandate in Article X of the Statute to determine an appropriate mechanism for electing members of the Council on a rotating basis, and to consider other issues related to Council composition, and to report back to the second session of the Assembly;

Considering the conclusions of the meetings of the Governance and Legal Committee, especially paragraph 8 of the summary report of the first meeting, and its proposal to address the issue of Council composition, election and rotation in a dedicated framework that would allow for participation of all interested Members and Signatories with a clear timeline;

Mindful that the Assembly must elect a new Council at the third session of the Assembly and that the mechanism needs to be in place by then;

1. Recommends that the Assembly takes a decision to:
 - i. Appoint two facilitators and acting under the guidance of the President of the Assembly, charged with soliciting views from all Members of IRENA, Signatories, and States in accession to the IRENA Statute, in order to generate recommendations for an appropriate mechanism for Council composition, election and rotation in an open, inclusive and transparent process; and, if a consensus mechanism is determined, to propose relevant amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly to the third meeting of the Council for its consideration, and to otherwise report the outcomes of its process to both the President of the Assembly and the Council;
 - ii. Encourage Members of IRENA, Signatories, and States in accession to provide their recommendations and observations on Council composition, election and rotation to the facilitators and the Director-General of IRENA within 30 days of the adoption of the Assembly decision, and to request him to submit the recommendations and observations received to all Members, Signatories and States in accession;
 - iii. Request the facilitators, with the support of the Secretariat, to conduct consultations with Members, Signatories, and States in accession on the various proposals on Council composition, election, and rotation, taking advantage of the opportunity to do so provided at the second meeting of the Assembly and the various meeting of subsidiary bodies of IRENA.
2. Requests the Director-General to provide all Members of IRENA, Signatories, and States in accession within 30 days of adoption of this decision, with an overview of structures and procedures followed by other international organizations in respect of the composition of organs comparable to the IRENA Council and of the election and rotation of their members;
3. Requests the Director-General to invite Members of IRENA to nominate facilitators to be presented to the Assembly for decision.