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Resolution from India for Amendment to the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance

Summary

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Recalling that the International Solar Alliance (ISA), launched on 30 November 2015 became a treaty based international intergovernmental organization on 6 December 2017.

Noting that in a short span 70 prospective member countries have already signed the ISA treaty and of these 44 countries have ratified the same.

Recognizing that solar energy has a major role in achieving the sustainable development goal to “*ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all*”.

Recognising that access to solar energy is essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, universal energy access at affordable rates , energy security and also would help to reduce poverty and improve the conditions and standard of living for the majority of the world’s population, especially of women.

Realizing that the ISA initiative should benefit the world at large and should not be restricted to the countries lying either fully or partially between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.

India propose a Resolution for the following Amendments to the ISA Framework Agreement for expanding the scope of membership of ISA to all countries that are members of United Nations.

Paragraph/clause	Existing Text of Framework Agreement	Proposed Amendment
Second Preambular Paragraph	<i>Recognizing</i> that solar energy provides solar resource rich countries, lying fully or partially between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, with an unprecedented opportunity to bring prosperity, energy security and sustainable development to their peoples.	Recognizing that solar energy provides countries with an unprecedented opportunity to bring prosperity, energy security and sustainable development to their peoples.
Article VI, Clause 1(a)	Voluntary contributions by its Members, Partner countries, UN & its agencies and other countries;	Voluntary contributions by its Members, UN & its agencies and other countries;
Article VII, Title	Member and Partner Country status	Member Country Status
Article VII, Clause 1	Membership is open to those solar resource rich States which lie fully or partially between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic	Membership is open to States which are members of the United Nations. Such States become members of the ISA by

	of Capricorn, and which are members of the United Nations. Such States become Members of the ISA by having signed this Agreement and having deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.	having signed this agreement and by having deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.”
Article VII, Clause 2	Partner Country status may be granted by the Assembly to the States which fall outside the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn, are members of the United Nations, and are willing and able to contribute to the objectives and activities provided in this Agreement.	May be deleted
Article VII, Clause 3	Partner Countries are eligible to participate in Programmes of the ISA, with the approval of Members participating in the Programme.	May be deleted
Article IX (Observers)	Observer status that may be granted by the Assembly to applicants for membership or partnership whose application is pending, or to any other organization which can further the interest and objectives of the ISA.	Observer status that may be granted by the Assembly to applicants for membership whose application is pending, or to any other organization which can further the interest and objectives of the ISA.