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# **Report of the Depository**

## **Summary**

The document presents the statement by the Depository – Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The ISA Framework Agreement (ISA FA), which seeks to establish the ISA as a treaty-based organization was opened for signature at the 22nd Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-22) in Marrakech, Morocco from 7-18 November 2016.

The Agreement requires that at least 15 countries ratify the ISA Framework Agreement for the ISA to become a legal entity. The 15th ratification instrument was deposited on 6 Nov 2017 and the ISA became a legal entity on 6 Dec 2017 (30 days after the 15th ratification instrument was deposited with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India - the Depository for the ISA).

On 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations had registered ISA with the United Nations as an Intergovernmental International Organisation vide registration No. 54949, pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.

The Government of Republic of India has also signed the Headquarters Agreement with the ISA and has notified the application of UN (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 to representatives and officers of ISA.

As on 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2018, 70 countries have signed the Framework Agreement and 44 of these have also deposited their respective Instruments of Ratification.

The 70 countries that have signed include Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, Commonwealth of Dominica, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Fiji, France, Gabon, Gambia,

Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Kiribati, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu, UAE, Uganda, United Kingdom, Vanuatu, Venezuela, and Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe have signed the ISA Framework Agreement.

Of these, a total of 46 countries have ratified the ISA Framework Agreement, namely, Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Commonwealth of Dominica, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Fiji, France, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, India, Kiribati, Madagascar, Myanmar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu, UAE, Uganda, Vanuatu and Venezuela.

Government of India requests all the prospective member countries of the ISA that are yet to sign the Framework Agreement to do so, and those that have already signed, to finalize their ratification procedure as soon as possible. Government of India appreciates the support of the governments of all the countries mentioned earlier towards establishing the ISA as an inter-governmental organization for promotion of solar energy, and a better world.

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