

## General Framework Agreement

Between

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Republic of India

and

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates

### On Renewable Energy Cooperation

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, through the Directorate of Energy and Climate Change ("DECC"), hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

- Driven by the Political will to deepen exchanges between the two countries, particularly in the area of renewable energy;
- Bearing in mind the interest in strengthening cooperation in renewable energy;
- Aiming to contribute to the development of economic relations between both countries by identifying opportunities for bilateral investment;
- Striving to build upon the human capital in renewable energy development and benefiting mutually from each Party's expertise;
- Noting the potential offered by the implementation of joint initiatives and projects;

Assert their intention to increase and accelerate their cooperation in renewable energy, particularly with regards to investments and joint research and development efforts.

#### 1. Purpose

This General Framework Agreement, herein after referred to as "GFA", is intended to establish the basis for a framework through which extensive projects, investments, other forms of commercial endeavors, cooperation in research and development in renewable and clean energy, and knowledge-sharing platforms could be enacted on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity between the Parties.

## 2. Forms of Cooperation

Cooperation under this GFA may take the following forms

- a) Explore potential renewable energy projects for investments;
- b) Continue cooperating in the International Solar Alliance;
- c) Explore avenues of cooperation in research and development in renewables;
- d) Develop knowledge-sharing mechanisms through which to build upon the human capital of the Parties;
- e) Explore establishing a joint fund between the Parties to facilitate investments;
- f) Other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed by the Parties;

## 3. Financing

The Parties agree that all costs rising out of cooperation activities under this GFA shall be borne by the Party who incurs them, unless otherwise stipulated in writing.

## 4. Specific Agreements

Cooperative activities under this GFA shall be established in specific agreements in writing by mutual consent of the Parties and shall be implemented in accordance with the laws of the Parties.

## 5. Other Agreements

All documents arising from this GFA shall be drawn up in the English language. Each Party shall have it officially translated into their language of origin for its execution.

## 6. Settlement of Differences

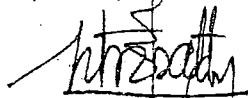
Any difference concerning the interpretation or application of this GFA shall be settled amicably by negotiations between the Parties.

## 7. Implementation

Each Party shall appoint representatives to implement this GFA. This Agreement does not, nor is it intended to, create any binding or legal obligations on either side under domestic or international law.

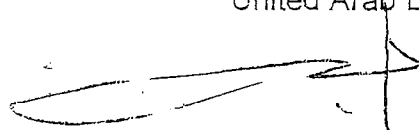
Signed at New Delhi on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2016 in two originals, each in the English, Hindi and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For and on behalf of the  
Government of the  
Republic of India



Shri Upendra Tripathy  
Secretary

For and on behalf of the  
Government of the  
United Arab Emirates



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