MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

ON

CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria(hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party").

Having identified New and Renewable Energy as a common area of interest and

Desiring to establish Cooperation between the Indian and the Nigerian entities with the aim of developing New and Renewable Energy Technologies.

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish the basis for a cooperative institutional relationship to encourage and promote bilateral technical cooperation on new and renewable energy on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity between the Parties.

ARTICLE II AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps and promote cooperation in the area of renewable energy. The areas of cooperation will focus on development of new and renewable energy technologies, which include but not limited to the following;

- a) Solar Energy
- b) Wind Energy
- c) Biomass/ Bio-energy
- d) Small Hydro
- e) Capacity building

ARTICLE III

MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding shall take the following modalities:

- a. Exchange and training of scientific and technical personnel;
- Exchange of scientific and technological available information and data;
- c. Organization of workshops, seminars and working groups;
- d. Development of joint research or technical projects on subjects of mutual interest; and
- e. Other modalities as may be decided upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE IV

JOINT WORKING GROUP

1. In order to coordinate the above mentioned activities and decide upon project proposals related to design and development of various new

and renewable energy technologies, the Parties will establish a "Joint Working Group" (JWG) with the following functions:-

- a. Identifying areas of mutual interest and cooperation for development of new and renewable energy technologies, systems sub-systems, devices, components etc.;
- b. Monitoring and evaluating cooperation activities; and
- c. Any other activities as may be agreed upon by the Parties in writing.
- 2. The Parties will designate one main representative each to the Joint Working Group for the aforesaid activities. The Joint Working Group will to the extent possible conduct the work through electronic communication, but meet alternately in India and Nigeria whenever considered necessary.
- 3. The Joint Working Group can co-opt other members from scientific institutions, research centres, universities or any other entity as and when considered essential.

ARTICLE V

FINANCING

Each Party will bear all the costs of its own in all programmes of cooperation and in the meeting of implementing agencies of Joint Working Group contemplated under this MoU.

ARTICLE VI

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation and / or negotiations between the Parties.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENT

- 1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by the mutual consent of the Parties. And such amendment shall be communicated through the diplomatic channels.
- 2. Any amendment agreed upon by the parties shall become an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE VIII

COOPERATION UNDER ISA

1. Both the countries appreciate and support the International Solar Alliance (ISA) launched on 30 November, 2015 on the sidelines of 21st Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change held in Paris, France and recognize the critical role it can play in development and deployment of solar energy.

2. Both countries shall jointly work together to achieve ISA objectives for accelerated development and deployment of solar energy by facilitating availability of technologies, finances, research and development and capacity building and also put joint efforts to make ISA a strong intergovernmental organization.

ARTICLE IX

ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION

This MOU shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and may be renewed for a similar period.

ARTICLE 10

TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either of the Parties by giving notice of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding. Such decision shall be communicated in writing to the other Party and the Memorandum of Understanding shall remain terminated 3 (three) months after the receipt of the notice of termination.

ARTICLE 11

UNEXPIRED AND EXISTING OBLIGATIONS

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the implementation of programmes and projects initiated while the Memorandum of Understanding is in force but cannot be completed by the

date of the termination. Such programmes and projects shall be carried on to completion unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two originals in English and Hindi languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Done at Abuja on this 22nd day of January 2024

For the Government of the Republic of India

Signature: (Shew)

Name: Dr. S. Jaishankar

Designation: Minister of External

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For the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Signature:

Name: Amb. Yusuf M. Tuggar

Designation: Minister of Foreign

Affairs