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Office Memorandum

Subject: Constitution of Interim Administrative Cell (IAC) of International Solar Alliance (ISA) to facilitate establishment of ISA from *de facto* to *de jure* status – reg. -

The International Solar Alliance (of countries lying fully or partially between Tropic of Cancer & Tropic of Capricorn) has been launched on 30 November 2015. The Paris declaration of ISA states that the countries share the collective ambition to undertake innovative and concerted efforts with a view to reducing the cost of finance and cost of technology for immediate deployment of competitive solar generation assets and to pave the way for future solar generation, storage and good technologies adapted to our countries' individual needs. It also seeks to make joint efforts through innovative policies, projects, programmes, capacity building measures and financial instruments to mobilize more than US \$1000 Billion of investments that are needed by 2030 for the massive deployment of affordable solar energy. India is hosting ISA Secretariat.

2. Hence, in the first International Steering Committee meeting of ISA, held in Paris on 1 December 2015, reference to ISA cell in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been made. Accordingly, it has been decided to constitute an Interim Administrative Cell (IAC) of ISA in MNRE. The overarching objective of IAC Cell will be to facilitate establishment of ISA and its *de facto* to *de jure* transformation, pending the creation, constitution and full-scale functioning of ISA in the prescribed manner, as suggested by the Legal & Treaties Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.

3. IAC will be set up in MNRE. The interim management of the ISA will be done by IAC. The composition of the IAC is as under:-

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| 1. Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy(MNRE) | Chairman |
| 2. Secretary (M & ER), Ministry of External Affairs or nominee | Member |
| 3. Joint Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance or Nominee | Member |
| 4. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change or Nominee | Member |
| 5. Joint Secretary (Solar), MNRE | Member |

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| 6. | Joint Secretary (Wind), MNRE | Member |
| 7. | Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MNRE | Member |
| 8. | Economic Adviser, MNRE | Member |
| 9. | Director (IR), MNRE | Member |
| 10. | Deputy Secretary (Finance), MNRE | Member |
| 11. | Dr N. P. Singh, Sr. Consultant, MNRE | Member |
| 12. | Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) | Member |
| 13. | Director General, National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) | Member |
| 14. | Director General, National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) | Member |
| 15. | Director General, National Institute of Bio Energy (NIBE) | Member |
| 16. | Chairman & Managing Director, IREDA | Member |
| 17. | Dr. P. C. Maithani, Director, MNRE | Member -Convener |
4. The Terms of References of the IAC will be as under:-
- i. Facilitate creation and functioning of ISA and developing of ISA's objectives;
 - ii. Render advice on administering the finance received, including recommending on the mode and manner of raising money through grants, pledges and support, and recommending on the mode and manner of expenditure therefrom;
 - iii. Render advice on securing co-operation and coordination with agencies, collaborators and partners in furtherance of objects of ISA;
 - iv. Render advice in connection with arrangement/agreement with Governments and other authorities/bodies including setting up meetings with Embassies/ Consulates of Governments and other agencies as advised by the International Steering Committee;
 - v. Advise National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) on ISA related matters, including preparation of interim Secretariat in Surya Bhawan;
 - vi. Explore co-operation with local embassies, UN Agencies and other Associations to promote ISA objectives;

- vii. Assist MNRE to conduct International Steering Committee (ISC) meetings, organise Founding Conference in coordination with ISC and prospective member countries, and Plan road map for five years, with annual break up;
 - viii. Develop an interim logo, letter pads for correspondence etc.;
 - ix. Any other action necessary & incidental in the interest of ISA, with due consultation with ISC; and subject to ratification by Internal Steering Committee (ISC) of ISA; and
 - x. Liaison with national & international bodies & organizations as well as put sector to develop partnerships in implementing road maps.
5. The cell will cease to exist, once ISA comes legally into force after the ISA founding conference in July 2016 and ratification by 25 countries.
6. Account of IAC will be maintained by the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE). A separate account will be opened in NISE and audited for the purpose, until a durable mechanism to outsource administrative and financial activities is worked out as per UN procedure.
7. The Cell will meet as often as required. It may hold its meetings at New Delhi or at any other location as decided by the Chairman.
8. The Cell will be serviced by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. All actions to be taken by the cell will be subject to approval by International Steering Committee of ISA
9. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy

(P.C.Maithani)
Director

To

All Members of the Interim Administrative Cell

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