



## MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND HYDROCARBONS

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Excellency,

It is with great pleasure and extreme happiness that I receive the news of the upcoming Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony and Inauguration of the Interim Secretariat for International Solar Alliance, on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2016, at the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE), Gurgaon, Haryana, India.

These two events, in quick succession of the joint launch of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by HE Natendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and H.E. Francois Hollande, President of France on 30th November, 2015 in Paris, France, are sending a strong signal from both countries to the international community.

On this occasion, the Government of Madagascar wishes to reaffirm that sustainable development, universal energy access, and energy security are critical to the shared prosperity and future of our planet.

As Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons, I salute the remarkable example set by a coalition of countries joining hands to accelerate the deployment and development of solar power. Replicating this example together would have the potential to contribute significantly towards our above common objectives.

Therefore, the Government of Madagascar wishes to express her firm intention to join the global effort towards sustainable energy for all, especially within the International Solar Alliance.

Excellency, please accept, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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