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Office Memorandum

Subject: Constitution of a Working Group for facilitating the work on ISA Standards in ISA Member Countries for Solar goods and Services

Preamble:

In the meeting held by FICCI on 27th April, 2018 (Friday) in their office New Delhi, it was suggested that in order to get US \$ 1 Trillion investments into the solar sector there is a common challenge and ISA needs to develop solar standards for various solar goods and services, energy access and STAR-Cs (which will deal harmonisation and aggregation of demand, solar finance, solar technologies, innovations research and development and capacity building etc. for member countries). In this regard, Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Government of India has proposed a partnership between ISA's Task Force on Innovation and BIS. Bureau of Indian Standards, working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India is the National Standards Body of India. One of the major functions of the BIS is the formulation, recognition and promotion of the Indian Standards. BIS is a Founder Member of ISO, IEC with several leadership positions. BIS has a resource base of more than 10000 experts drawn from industry, academia and government and have presence in 51 countries through Certification activity & Alumni network.

BIS has formulated various Indian Standards on critical components essential for Rooftop & Ground Mounted Solar Power Generation, Electricity Access addressing World Bank ESMAP Multitier framework: as well as several solar devices.

Article III (2) of ISA Framework Agreement, mandates the Secretariat to ensure coherence among all ISA programmes and also mandates to provide guidance and assistance of the Secretariat to National Focal Points (NFPs) and country representatives in areas of addressing common challenges.

Also Article II.2 reads as follows "**In this endeavor, Members cooperate closely and strive for establishing mutually beneficial relationships with relevant organizations, public and private stakeholders, and with non-member countries.**" In view of this there is a lot of synergies between BIS and ISA. BIS can also mobilize its counterparts globally with ISA member countries so that we develop a common and focused network to develop ISA solar standards. Towards this goal, the Interim Director General (IDG), ISA with the power vested under Article V.3 of the ISA Framework Agreement constitutes the following Working Group on ISA Standards for Solar Goods & Services.


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The Working Group (WG) will have the following constitution:

- 1) Ms. Surina Rajan, Director General, BIS (Chairperson)
- 2) Director General, NISE or his representative- Member*
- 3) Director General, AFNOR (France) or his nominee- Member*
- 4) Director General, IEC and ISO or their nominees- Member*
- 5) Four Experts to be nominated by Chairperson from these four Regions:

Region 1	AFRICA
Region 2	LATIN AMERICA and THE CARIBBEAN
Region 3	ASIA and the PACIFIC
Region 4	EUROPE and OTHERS

The Chairperson can finalize the names of the representatives and can coopt Bureau of Standards from other countries as well keeping the global nature of the ISA in view. The Working Group will submit its findings to the Innovative Task Force and IDG, ISA.

FICCI will be the convener for this Working Group constituted as a sequel to FICCI's request and deliberations. BIS may maintain a small Cell. The working group can utilize the resource base available with India, France and in other countries and international organizations. The working group will further strive to do a gap analysis of prevalence of solar standards in 121 prospective member countries of ISA, starting with countries who have ratified/signed the ISA Framework Agreement. To formalize gap analysis matrix which can be circulated to the NFPs periodically through the Secretariat, the working group may also involve National Focal Points and Country Representatives while holding video conferences on ISA standards for solar goods & services. More importantly, the working group may also guide ISA in establishing a unit to work on ISA standards for Solar goods and services, as well as STARCs

This OM is issued in consultation with Bureau of Indian Standards who have come forward from the Host country to help ISA in developing ISA Solar Standards so that a common challenge is collectively addressed. The Working Group will be in existence until further orders. These will be no financial implication for ISA.

*To be contacted by BIS and briefed on the subject. The current incorporation is subject to their consent.



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