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Office Memorandum

Subject: International Solar Alliance (ISA) - designation of Interim Director General (DG), of ISA and organization of Interim Secretariat of ISA – reg.

Interim Secretariat of ISA was inaugurated on the 25 January 2016 by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India and Hon’ble President of France. Consequently, vide OM of even number dated 29 January 2016 notification for constitution of Interim Administrative Cell of International Solar Alliance (ISA cell) has been issued. So far four meetings of ISA Cell have been convened on 10 February, 17 February, 11 March and 18 March 2016 respectively. Proceedings of ISA cell meetings are available at ISA website (www.intsolaralliance.org). India will meet all expensess ISA Secretariat for first five years from the date when the Founding Conference / signing ceremony of ISA is held.

2. France and India have jointly agreed to put before the International Steering Committee (ISC) of ISA two major programmes on solar financing and solar applications for agricultural use in the 3rd ISC meeting at New York, USA to be held on 21 April 2016. Implementation of these programmes will start before the Founding Conference of ISA is held in the near future. Consequently, there will be a lot more formal work to be carried out and a formal set up is essential to be put in place.

3. In view of the above, and in order to carry out functions of Interim Secretariat of ISA in a befitting manner, and until further orders, the Chairperson ISA Cell, has been redesignated as Interim Director General.

4. Interim Director General will carry out all functions of ISA including organizing Interim Secretariat of ISA as per functional requirement, implement the two programmes if approved by the ISC and make arrangements for the Founding Conference of ISA with prior approval of the Hon’ble Minister for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy. For the present, the Secretariat may comprise officials drawn from MNRE and its institutions, interns, staff provided by countries on nomination / secondment basis or staff from UN / UNDP, but at no cost to ISA.

5. This issues with the approval of Hon’ble Minister for Power, Coal and New and Renewable Energy.

To
All Members of the ISA cell

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