Dear Minister,

On 11 March 2018, in response to an invitation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron, more than 50 countries attended the Founding Conference of the International solar Alliance (ISA), joined in their belief that solar energy is key to combating climate change and providing affordable, reliable and sustainable energy to our peoples. The Delhi Solar Agenda adopted at the Founding Conference marked a commitment to bring energy security and improve their lives by providing affordable finance, access to appropriate, clean and environment friendly technology and undertake capacity building in order to accelerate the deployment of solar energy worldwide.

The ISA has made rapid strides since its launch by India and France at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris on 30th November, 2015. This is a reflection of the vision that lay behind it, the vision that the beneficence of the Sun could be used to bring together the peoples of this planet for a shared solution to our energy needs. The desire behind that vision has always been to make solar energy affordable for the poor by addressing the various economic and technological factors. As an unparalleled international organization, the ISA now stands ready to fulfill its promise.

India and France would thus like to invite you to attend the first general assembly of the ISA which will be convened on Wednesday, 3 October, 2018, in New Delhi.
The General Assembly of the ISA is the main governance body of the ISA and its meeting shall witness participation from Energy and/or Foreign Affairs Ministers of the member countries. Each country which has deposited its ratification instrument 30 days prior to the assembly can participate as a full member with voting rights. Other countries and partner organizations may participate as observers without voting rights. The first assembly is an important meeting, because it will be the occasion to review the concrete programmes of the ISA and take stock of the first results. It will also be an opportunity to strengthen the governance of the organization by adopting rules and procedures, discussing the operations of the secretariat and taking new commitments.

In the coming weeks, the agenda of the General Assembly and logistical information related to the meeting will be circulated and we look forward to your involvement in the preparation for this meeting.

We are counting on your presence in New Delhi on 3 October and look forward to collaborating with you in the pursuit of our shared goals.

Yours sincerely,

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No: 28/17/2018/IR/ISA  
Dated, 3rd September, 2018

Subject: Clarification that “and/or” to be read as “or” only.

Excellency,

Compliment from the International Solar Alliance.

A joint invitation letter from India & France to attend the first assembly, has been sent to you through email today, i.e. 3rd Sept 16, with Annotated Provisional Agenda along with Working and Information documents for your kind perusal and information. This is to inform you that in the referred letter on page No. 2 (Highlighted portion in the attached letter) it has been stated that:

“The General Assembly of the ISA is the main governance body of the ISA and its meeting shall witness participation of Energy and/or Foreign Ministers of the ISA Member Countries.”

In the above statement the word “and/or” should be read as “or”. Please ignore the word “and”.

You may kindly inform the concern Hon’ble Ministers accordingly.

The ISA Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all National Focal Points and all Contact Points the assurances of its highest consideration

Your sincerely

(Rajeev Gyani)

Enclosure: Joint Invitation Letter

To:

All National Focal Points & all Contact Points
Your Excellency,

The Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance presents its compliments to the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the countries that have signed the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance but have yet to submit the Instruments of Ratification to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI).

The above NFPs may please refer to Article IV (1) of the Framework Agreement on the Establishment of the International Solar Alliance which states that the Assembly, on which every member is represented, shall meet at the seat of the ISA, annually at Ministerial level to take decisions concerning the implementation of this Agreement and for coordinated actions to be taken to achieve its objective.

Pursuant to the above, this Secretariat is pleased to inform that the First Assembly Meeting of ISA shall be convened on 2\textsuperscript{nd} – 4\textsuperscript{th} October 2018, the details of which, including exact venue and minute-to-minute programme shall be circulated in due course of time. It is also contemplated that REINVEST-II and the Second Indian Ocean Rim Countries Association Renewable Energy Ministerial Conference may also coincide with the above dates.

However, it is proposed that the Ministers from the countries that have signed the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance but have yet to submit the Instruments of Ratification to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI), may be invited as Observers.

In the event that these countries ratify the Framework Agreement in accordance with their respective constitutional process before the 30\textsuperscript{th} of September, 2018, the ISA would be pleased to invite them as Members.

This Note is being sent with the request that the Hon’ble Minister in charge of International Solar Alliance may kindly ‘Save the dates’ of the events.

The International Solar Alliance Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ISA Member countries, the assurances of its highest consideration.

To
NFPs of Framework Agreement Signatory countries that have yet to deposit the Instrument of Ratification to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
Copy to Contact Points of these Countries in New Delhi
No.28/17/2018/IR(ISA) Dt. 9th July, 2018

Subject: Date of submission of Ratification of ISA Framework Agreement for becoming a Member advanced to 31st August, 2018 from 30th September, 2018.

The Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance presents its compliments to the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the countries that have signed the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance but have yet to submit the Instruments of Ratification to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI) and has the honour to refer to its note of even number dated 3rd July, 2018 on holding the First Assembly Meeting of ISA on 2nd -4th October 2018,

The above NFPs may please refer to Article XIII (2) of the Framework Agreement on the Establishment of the International Solar Alliance which states that:

“For members having deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval after the entry into force of the Framework Agreement, this Framework Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of the relevant instrument.

Pursuant to the above and in order to become a full-fledged member of ISA, it is incumbent upon the countries that have signed the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance but have yet to submit the Instruments of Ratification to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI) to do so latest by 31st August, 2018.

This Note Verbale supersedes the one referred to in para 1 above, wherein the deadline for submission of the instrument of ratification had been mentioned as 30th September, 2018.

The International Solar Alliance Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ISA Member countries, the assurances of its highest consideration.

NFPs of Framework Agreement Signatory countries that have yet to deposit the Instrument of Ratification to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

(Copy to Contact Points of these Countries in New Delhi)
Objet: - Discours ministériel à la Première Assemblée d'ASI

Votre Excellence,

Le Secrétariat de l'Alliance solaire internationale présente ses compliments aux Points focaux nationaux (PFN) des pays membres de l’ASI.

2. Veuillez fournir l’état des Feuilles de Routes Solaires qui ont été préparées lors des conclaves NFP au Secrétariat de l'ASI, en consultation avec les parties prenantes.

3. Conformément à l'article IV (1) de l'Accord-cadre sur la création de l'Alliance Solaire Internationale, qui stipule que l'Assemblée, à laquelle chaque membre est représenté, se réunit au siège de l'ASI, chaque année au niveau ministériel pour prendre des décisions concernant la mise en œuvre du présent accord et des actions coordonnées à mener pour atteindre son objectif.

4. En vertu de ce qui précède, ce Secrétariat est heureux d'informer que la première réunion de l'Assemblée de l'ASI est convoquée le 2 - 4ème Octobre 2018, dont les détails, y compris le lieu exact et le programme minute à minute sera diffusée en temps cours du temps. Les courriels ont été distribués aux points focaux nationaux et Points de contact (Missions diplomatiques résidant à New Delhi) le 3 Juillet 2018 et 9 Juillet 2019 concernant l’Assemblé de l’Alliance Solaire Internationale.

5. L’article IV, paragraphe 2, stipule que «les sessions de l’Assemblée ont lieu en séance afin de faire le point sur les programmes au niveau ministériel et de prendre des décisions concernant leur application ultérieure, conformément à l’article III, paragraphe 4». Par conséquent, il est prié que la présentation de S.E. M. le Ministre de l’Énergie à l’Assemblé de l’ASI inclue essentiellement les aspects du déploiement de l’énergie solaire, des performances, de la fiabilité, ainsi que des coûts et de
l’échelle de financement (pour ce cas, la mobilisation de crédits, jointe à la présente lettre) à couvrir à l’article IV (3) de l’accord-cadre de l’ASI.

6. L’Assemblée évalue l’effet global des Programmes et des autres activités menées dans le cadre de l’ASI, en particulier en termes de déploiement de l’énergie solaire, de performance, de fiabilité, ainsi que de coût et d’échelle de financement. Sur la base de cette évaluation, les Membres prennent toutes les décisions nécessaires concernant la poursuite de la mise en œuvre de l'objectif de l'ASI [Article IV (3)]


8. En outre, on vous prie de bien vouloir transmettre une version imprimée du Formulaire d’Accréditation, ci-joint avec.

9. Un E-Mail du 16° Juillet 2018 demandant la nomination du Représentant National pour les programmes ASI a été distribué par le Secrétariat de l'ASI. Jusqu’à ce que les représentants des pays ne soient pas nommés, le PFN agira en tant que Représentant du Pays pour tous les programmes ASI. Cependant, si le Représentant du Pays a été désigné, veuillez mettre à jour ces détails au Secrétariat de l'ASI.


(Rajeev Gyani)

Pièces jointes: Comme ci-dessus

Aux
Points Focaux Nationaux