Joint Declaration

by

the International Solar Alliance (ISA)

and

the Climate Parliament (CP)

on Global Cooperation on Promotion of Solar Energy through support to and collaboration with the International Solar Alliance

15 November, 2016

The Interim Administrative Cell of International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Climate Parliament (CP) (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"):

Considering that the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was launched on the 30th November 2015 in Paris, thereby creating a platform for the promotion of solar energy across prospective ISA member countries;

Recognizing that Climate Parliament is a global network of legislators dedicated to the promotion of renewable energy, both to combat climate change and to promote sustainable development through universal access to electricity;

Recognizing that the ISA Cell, mandated by the International Steering Committee constituted under the Paris declaration, is located in the Indian Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, thereby to carry out the day-to-day functions of the ISA;

Noting that the ISA and the Climate Parliament both recognize that affordable, reliable and sustainable solar energy is crucial to achieving universal energy access, as enshrined in the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and will contribute to the mitigation of climate change;

Noting also that the ISA Cell has invited the Climate Parliament to become an ISA partner organization, in order to leverage the Climate Parliament's global network of legislators in supporting ISA member countries to establish the necessary instruments and frameworks in order to meet ISA's goals for the massive deployment of affordable solar energy;

And, wanting to deepen their cooperation in support of renewable energy, the Parties declare their intention to promote solar energy globally, including through attention to the
requirements of compatible grids at various scales, inter-alia in the following areas:

i. Jointly, and with other partners, develop a road map for the identification and implementation of initiatives by members of national or regional parliaments on solar energy and compatible grids in the national and regional parliaments of ISA-member countries;

ii. Jointly organize seminars, workshops, and other meetings on agreed topics to mobilize legislative, budgetary and programmatic support, including for programs launched by the ISA, for solar energy and compatible grids;

iii. Promote participation by the Parties' representatives in seminars, workshops and meetings organized or co-hosted by the Parties;

iv. Jointly identify areas and projects suitable for research and development and pilot scale and demonstration projects;

v. Convene regional or international Parliamentary Solar Summits in conjunction with meetings of the International Solar Alliance, RE-Invest Summit or on other occasions jointly decided by the Parties, to accelerate deployment of solar energy at the regional and global levels;

vi. Any other work areas and themes jointly discussed and decided by the ISA and the Climate Parliament.

The Parties enter into this Joint Declaration while wishing to maintain their own separate and unique missions and mandates, and their own accountabilities. The cooperation amongst the Parties as outlined in this Joint Declaration shall not be construed as a partnership or other type of legal entity or personality. Any activity undertaken by the Parties hereunder shall follow their respective rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Joint Declaration shall not be construed as an obligation of funds, nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any Party or create any rights in any third party. Any such legally binding commitment shall be set out in a separate document between the Parties.

New Delhi:

For International Solar Alliance

For Climate Parliament