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Your Excellency,

Subject: Best Practice Teams from Member Country to Member country to scale up solar deployment.

The ISA Secretariat presents its compliments to the Members of the ISA.

With respect to the ISA Framework Agreement 75 countries have already signed and 53 countries have ratified the Framework Agreement so far.

Exchange of best practices among member countries undoubtedly furthers ISA’s core objective “to collectively address key common challenges to the scaling up of solar energy in line with their needs” Exchange of best practices is very significant and enables consultation, focus, interaction and learning among members. However, as you know the ISA Secretariat is transitioning to its full capacity, till then Secretariat would invite and request its member countries who are keen and able, to go ahead and start facilitate and exchange best practices among ISA member countries.

As an example to start and promote this, India, has put in USD 2.29 billion of soft loan through the EXIM Bank to facilitate and finance solar projects. This enables better cooperation, consultation, interaction between the member countries and Secretariat as well as within the beneficiary member countries themselves. France has also put in 1.5 billion Euros of soft loan through AFD. Similar such soft loan may come in future from other member countries.

Best practice exchange and solar focused initiatives will fast track the process and will make it imperative that various business models are put forth before policy makers in member countries which will involve corporate sector and various Fundamental Institutions in member countries.

ISA will sincerely appreciate and welcome the proactive and positive role of member countries in sending best practices teams, experts, innovators, industry delegations to other member countries for knowledge exchange and transforming it into innovation and action at

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their cost. They can also send Renewable Energy Industry delegations. In all of these cases ISA will strive to depute one of its officers to offer assistance in matters of coordination between the member countries to promote the mission and vision of the ISA.

There will be no financial implication for the countries who will receive such teams. There teams will also extend ISA’s outreach by developing bankable projects and proposals for accelerated development and deployment of solar energy in the ISA member countries.

Hence ISA Secretariat encourages and requests members to take such initiatives and activities which will help us implement the ISA goals, Paris Agreement, the Paris Declaration and the SDGs of the United Nations.

The ISA Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to your Excellency the assurances of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Upendra Tripathy)

To,

Honourable Ministers from Member Countries.

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