

**Third meeting of the Standing Committee
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Report of the third meeting of the Standing Committee of the ISA

Summary

The document presents the report of the third meeting of the Standing Committee of the International Solar Alliance.



Agenda item 1. Opening

1. The Chair of the Standing Committee (the Committee), Hon'ble Mr. R K Singh, Minister of New and Renewable Energy and Power, Government of India, opened the meeting, and welcomed the Members of the Committee to its third meeting.
2. The Chair expressed his, and on behalf of the Members, condolences for the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic and evinced confidence that global collaborative efforts would help us overcome this epidemic. The Chair, resonating with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, underlined the importance of the International Solar Alliance as an action-oriented global organisation that is poised to lead efforts towards global warming mitigation and a sustainable future as it moves to the next level.
3. The Chair, noting the urgency for resource mobilisation for Solar energy projects and financial sustainability of the ISA, called upon ISA Members to make voluntary contributions for the same. The Chair, while appreciating the commendable work done by the Secretariat, also apprised the Members on the recently launched initiatives of the ISA, namely the ISA Website, the Solar PV Technicians training initiative, a capacity building initiative for bankers, declarations by NTPC and SECI of the Host Country to facilitate 10,000 MW of Solar Parks in 10 Member countries, and the ISA Cares initiative for solarisation of primary health centres in SIDS/LDC Member countries of the ISA. The Chair called upon the ISA Secretariat for early action to implement these initiatives.
4. The Co-Chair congratulated the ISA Secretariat for the first virtual Committee meeting and reiterated the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's call for utilising the opportunity provided by the pandemic to transition towards 21st Century infrastructure.
5. The Co-Chair also highlighted the contribution of France and AFD, through the secondment of two experts to the Secretariat, and various initiatives such as SRMI, the Lomé initiative, and a EUR 1.5 billion commitment as soft loans from AFD for solar energy projects in ISA member countries. The Co-Chair called for a fair energy transition with affordable and accessible financing as one of its imperatives. The Co-Chair called the third Committee meeting an important milestone towards shaping ISA as a globally recognised action-oriented organisation.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

6. The Chair invited the Committee to consider and adopt the Agenda contained in the Working Document (ISA/SC.03/WD.02) of the third Committee meeting.

The Committee considered and adopted the Agenda contained in the Working Document ISA/SC.03/WD.02. Based on a request from the Director General, the Chair welcomed the Republic of Peru as the rapporteur of the third Standing Committee.

Agenda item 3. Report of the Depository

7. Responding to a request by the Chair, H.E. Mr. P. Harish, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, representing the Depository, presented the report of the Depository to the Committee. The Committee noted, with appreciation, the report presented by the Depository. The report of the Depository is contained in information document No. ISA/SC.03/INF.02.
8. The Committee welcomed the new Member countries that have signed and those that have ratified the Framework Agreement after the Second Assembly.
9. The Chair encouraged the prospective member countries to sign and ratify the Framework Agreement. The Chair encouraged the signatory countries to present their instruments of ratification to the depository. The Chair also encouraged Members to accept the amendment to the Framework Agreement, in accordance with Article XI (2) of the Framework Agreement, at the earliest, to allow other UN member countries, beyond the tropics, to join the ISA.
10. The Chair also mandated the Secretariat to engage and regularly update prospective member countries on the progress made in achieving the objectives of the ISA, as well as finalize a strategy to enhance membership numbers including getting four more acceptances of the first amendment to bring it into force before the next Assembly.

Agenda item 4. Appointment of Permanent Representatives to the ISA

11. The ISA Secretariat introduced a proposal for appointment of Permanent Representatives to the ISA at the seat of ISA, based on the practice being followed by IRENA, to liaison between ISA and the respective Member Countries.
12. The Chair invited the Members of the Committee to consider the proposal, contained in working document ISA/SC.03/WD.03, and present their feedback on the same.
13. The Republic of India, as the Host Country of the ISA, gave noobjection to the proposal for appointment of PRs to the ISA Secretariat and suggested the following amendments to the proposal:
 - a. Only the Ambassador Extraordinaire/Plenipotentiary of Members accredited to India may be appointed as Permanent Representative to the ISA; the role as Permanent Representative to the ISA Secretariat shall cease once accreditation ceases.
 - b. Honorary Consuls may not be appointed as the Permanent Representative to the ISA.
 - c. Further, the Host Country informed the Members that the appointment as Permanent Representative to the ISA would have no bearing on the existing diplomatic privileges and immunities, and exemptions from duties and taxation, granted to them in their capacities as Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary accredited to the Republic of India.
14. The Kingdom of Tonga, noting the amendment proposed by the Host Country, informed the Committee that several countries do not have Ambassadors or High Commissioners in the

Host Country and are represented by Honorary Consuls and suggested that the matter should be left to the discretion of sovereign member countries.

15. The Committee noted the concerns and mandated the ISA Secretariat to examine the suggestions and present at the next meeting of the Assembly.

Agenda item 5. ISA's Theory of Change and Programme / Project Proposals for US \$ 100 Million resource mobilization by October, 2020.

16. The Second Assembly of the ISA mandated the President and the Co-President to mobilise financial resources, with the assistance of the ISA Secretariat, for programme implementation.
17. Pursuant to Assembly's mandate, the ISA Secretariat prepared a Theory of Change and project proposals, contained in the Working Document (ISA/SC.03/WD.04), to assist in resource mobilisation.
18. The Chair invited the ISA Secretariat to present the Theory of Change and project proposals.
19. The Director General, ISA, informed the Committee that a Sub-Committee on "Resource Mobilisation" of the Committee comprising of senior representatives of the President, Co-President and Vice-Presidents is proposed, to be established by the Committee, to provide guidance on implementation of the resource mobilization strategy. Director (Finance) made a presentation on ISA's Theory of Change and project proposal prepared for seeking funding from potential contributors.
20. The Chair invited Members for their guidance and comments on ISA's Theory of Change and project proposals.
21. The representative of France commended the ISA Secretariat for developing a clear Theory of Change and project proposals. However, the representative of France requested the ISA Secretariat to include a progress report for the project proposals as part of future presentations on the same. He also noted that the detailed project proposals need to include key performance indicators and implementation timelines, as well as pitch documents.
22. The representative of the United Kingdom also commended the ISA Secretariat for preparing the Theory of Change and the project proposals. He suggested that the proposals or projects be restructured around the four roles – Incubator, Accelerator, Facilitator and Enabler (IAFE), for better clarity.
23. The representative of India supported the Director General's proposal for establishing a Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee to guide the resource mobilisation efforts.
24. The Chair invited the Director General to take note of the comments and suggestions of the Members and draw specific concrete projects and initiatives under each of the roles for ISA presented in the proposal.
25. The Committee noted the ISA Secretariat for their initiative in the area of Theory of Change and project proposals and mandated the ISA Secretariat to operationalise the proposed Sub-Committee on Resource Mobilization, consisting of the representatives of the President, Co-President and the Vice Presidents.

Agenda item 6. Organizational Roadmap

26. Pursuant to the Manual of Regulations and Rules approved by the Assembly and guidance received, the ISA Secretariat prepared an organisational roadmap, contained in the working document ISA/SC.03/WD.05, including an organigram and recruitment of sixteen (16) global professionals.
27. The Chair apprised the Members of the Proposal for Organisational Roadmap, including key elements of the job classification and implementation timeline. The Chair underlined the importance of recruiting professionals with requisite qualification and experience. The Chair invited the Director General to brief the Members on the proposal.
28. The Director General, ISA, noted the importance for the ISA to develop a cadre of its own staff. The Director General informed the members that adequate geographical diversity and gender balance would be maintained in the recruitment. Director General informed the Members that only citizens from the Member countries can apply for the positions, when advertised.
29. Director General informed the Members that an officer from UNDP was selected to assist in the recruitment process, as mandated by the Second Assembly. However, due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the officer was unable to join. Consequently, a consultant of international repute is now going to be hired to assist in the process and the ISA Secretariat would be seeking assistance of other peer international organizations, including ISA Partners for the same, to ensure transparency and fairness.
30. The Director General, further, informed the Committee that on account of the delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the ISA Secretariat will be presenting the President of the Committee with a transition plan, wherein existing staff on secondment and deputation may be counted against supernumerary positions, till new international staff are recruited and are in place.
31. The Director General and the Director (HRD), ISA, then presented the proposal to the Committee providing details on the organigram, job classification, outreach process for advertising the positions, qualification and experience criteria, selection process and timeline for the recruitment, subject to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic.
32. The Director General informed the Members that, on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the fact that the International Solar Alliance is a new organization, more time may have to be devoted and an effective strategy would need to be developed for the outreach activities for advertising the positions and to ensure that a sufficient number of applications are received. The ISA Secretariat would be leveraging its several networks including, inter alia, NFPs, Contact Points, Embassies/High Commissions, partners, other international organizations, and ISA fellows to advertise the positions. The Director General informed the Members that the ISA Secretariat would be utilizing the forum of SUN -Meets to develop an outreach strategy along with the Member countries, apart from its webpage, DEVNET, ECONOMIST and available UN sources.
33. The Chair invited the Members of the Committee for their suggestions and comments.

34. The representative of France noted that international experts would be of great importance and an asset for the organization and suggested that the organigram be expanded to accommodate the international experts in the organization.
35. The representative of the United Kingdom appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat in developing a roadmap for the expansion of the ISA Secretariat. He requested for a clarification as to who shall be represented on the interview and appointment review panels and who shall be making such selections for the panels.
36. In response, it was clarified that UN policies would be followed and officials senior to the level or at the same level, as the position being advertised would be appointed on the interview panel. Further, experts with adequate thematic expertise would be appointed on the interview panel. However, given the lack of adequate senior representation at the ISA Secretariat currently, representatives may be drawn from ISA Partners organisations including from the UN Agencies and multilateral development banks. A roster of such potential candidates for these panels will be developed under the guidance of the Director General. Furthermore, the Member countries may be consulted at the SUN-Meets on the composition of the panels and adequate women representation would be ensured on these panels, apart from utilising the services of the Education Committee constituted for administering the ISA Fellowship programme.
37. The Chair invited the Committee to take note of the Organisational Roadmap of the International Solar Alliance and the other proposals.
38. The Committee took note of the Organizational Roadmap and recruitment strategy of the International Solar Alliance, as well as the points made by the Director General, including review of the vacancy announcements, job charts, among others.

Agenda item 7. Measures to Support National Focal Points of the ISA

39. The ISA Secretariat presented a proposal to support National Focal Points of the LDCs and SIDS Member countries of the ISA, contained in the Working Document ISA/SC.03/WD.06.
40. The Chair of the Committee invited the Director General to brief the Members on the proposal.
41. Director General informed the Members that the proposal is an outcome of the long-standing demand of the National Focal Points as was expressed in the global NFP conclaves of the ISA. Further, the Director General noted the responsibilities demarcated for the institutions of NFPs and the mandate to the ISA Secretariat to support them by virtue of the Framework Agreement of ISA.
42. The Director General informed the members that the proposal entails a reimbursement based USD 5000 annual support to the National Focal Points of LDCs and SIDS Member countries for programmatic activities encompassing, inter alia, workshops, seminars, publishing studies. Director General further, informed that a provision has already been made in the budget of the ISA for strengthening the National Focal Points and the National Task Force for Solar Energy headed by the Hon'ble Energy Ministers in the Member countries.
43. The Chair invited the Members for their comments and suggestions on the proposal.

44. Representative of India supported the proposal to the extent that the financial support was limited to specific tasks and project formulation and was not deployed towards fixed periodic remuneration to the NFPs. The Chair concurred with the comments made by representative of India.
45. The Director General clarified that the support would be reimbursement based and would be limited to projects and activities pre-approved by the ISA Secretariat and expressed full agreement of the ISA Secretariat with the comments of India.
46. Representative of Togo noted the need for technical and financial support to the NFPs in light of the responsibilities assigned to them, primarily as liaison between the ISA and the Member country, as per the Framework Agreement to achieve common objectives enshrined therein. He further suggested that the measures need to take into consideration disparities among the Member countries and expand the scope of assistance to NFPs from other countries in the future.
47. The Director General informed the Committee that the support is initially only for LDCs and SIDS Member countries and may be extended to other countries as the resources of the ISA are enhanced through voluntary contributions from the Members.
48. The Committee, while welcoming the proposal, suggested that the proposal be limited to LDCs and SIDS countries and support be limited only to specific project related activities.

Agenda item 8. Action Agenda

49. The Chair invited the Director General to brief the Committee on the Action Agenda.
 50. The Director General informed the Members that the Action agenda includes the launch of new ISA initiative called 'SOLINAR', a webinar series dedicated to Solar energy.
 51. Director General further informed the committee that three other items under the Action Agenda are – Launch of ISA App for Paperless Assembly, the announcement of new corporate partners of the ISA and the green flagging of the Seventh ISA Programme on Solar Cooling.
- i. **Launch of 'SOLINAR'**
52. Hon'ble Chair and Co-Chair launched the first ISA STAR-C SOLINAR on PV Markets.
 53. The Chair, welcoming the participants, appreciated the new initiative by the Secretariat and the support of INES and EACREE for the first SOLINAR.
 54. Chair expressed confidence that various future SOLINARS would delve into important topics pertinent to the International Solar Alliance and would be an important knowledge sharing platform.
 55. Co-Chair echoed the Chair in appreciating the new initiative under the ISA STAR-C project. While thanking the INES and EACREE for their role, further, expressed confidence that the initiative would be instrumental in building capacities in the Member countries of the ISA.

ii. Launch of ISA App for Paperless Third Assembly

56. The Committee was informed that the ISA App will be available on both Android and Apple platform and would help the ISA Members interact with their representatives and the Partner ecosystem. The App would provide, in addition to information about specific ISA events, general information about ISA in a hassle-free manner. The Members were informed that the App would be accessible in offline mode as well and all information would be in downloadable form.

57. The Committee thanked the ISA Secretariat for the new and carbon friendly initiative.

iii. Announcement of Corporate Partners and Presentation of cheques

58. The Committee was introduced, with brief synopsis of their profiles and contribution to promotion of renewable energy, to the new Corporate partners of the ISA namely; i) State Bank of India; ii) Energy Efficiency Services Limited; and iii) NHPC Limited.

59. The Chief Executives of the respective organisations were invited to make a brief statement to the Committee and present cheques of USD 1 million each as the new corporate partners of the ISA. (in three instalments due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

60. The Committee thanked the new corporate partners for their contribution to the promotion of solar energy and their contribution to the International Solar Alliance.

61. Director General informed to the Members of the Committee that the corporate contribution to the Corpus Fund of the ISA or the interest thereon will not be spent by the ISA Secretariat, till the Host Country meets the recurring expenditure of the Secretariat. Director General further informed that, in order to avoid any conflict of interest, the Corporate Partners are not a party to the decision making regarding the utilisation of the funds and the proposal(s) for any expenditure are tabled before the Assembly of the ISA for its approval.

62. Director General informed the Members that the Framework Agreement of the ISA provides for collaboration with private sector to promote the programmes of the ISA and contribution from private sector into the Corpus Fund. The role of the private sector and the public sector enterprises are positioned within this broad context and enshrined in the Framework Agreement. Director General further informed the Members of the contributions received from private firms, namely Softbank of Japan and China Light Power of China, of US \$ 2 Million and US \$ 1 Million, respectively.

63. Director General informed the Members that the ISA Secretariat will be launching Corporate Partner Conclave to seek their opinions on the proposals for the ISA Assembly.

64. The Chair invited the Committee to thank the new corporate partners and encourage the Members to facilitate corporate partnership with organisations based in their respective countries to support the cause embodied by the International Solar Alliance.

65. The Committee thanked the new corporate partners for their support to the International Solar Alliance.

iv. **Seventh Programme of the ISA – “Solarizing Heating and Cooling Systems”**

66. The Chair invited the ISA Secretariat to brief the Members on the Seventh Programme of the ISA.

67. The Members were informed of the rapid rise in heating and cooling demand across the globe and the rationale for the seventh programme to reduce the carbon footprint of the Heating and Cooling applications.

68. The Chair and the Co-Chair of the International Solar Cooling Initiative’s select committee were invited to present the programme before the Committee.

69. The Chair invited the Members of the Committee for their comments and suggestions.

70. The Committee noted the proposal for the Seventh Programme of the ISA and appreciated the active role of the Secretariat in expanding the role of solar into cooling and heating areas.

Agenda item 9. Resource Mobilization Strategy

71. Pursuant to Second Assembly’s mandate, the ISA Secretariat presented a Resource Mobilization strategy to the Committee, contained in the working document ISA/SC.03/WD.08, to enhance the corpus fund of ISA and to mobilize resources for project implementation.

72. The Chair invited the Director General, ISA to brief the Committee on the Resource Mobilization Strategy of the ISA.

73. DG informed the Committee projections for the financial position of the ISA put the Alliance in negative territory, which is poised to be exacerbated on account of increasing programmatic demand for funds as well as recruitment of international staff. DG informed the ISA requires additional US \$ 2.6 Million for the international staff. Consequently, the Secretariat has prepared the Resource Mobilization Strategy to support the Hon’ble President and the Hon’ble Co-President for Resource Mobilization.

74. DG informed the Members that the Strategy has been prepared through consultation with several potential donors as well as Member countries and the Secretariat engaged, with the help of the World Bank, the services of a global advisor, Mr. Yvo DeBoer (Former Executive Secretary of the UNFCCC and the Former Director General of GGGI), for consultations as well as finalization of the Resource Mobilization Strategy, and guide its implementation.

75. Director General apprised the Members that the Strategy targets mobilization of USD 70 Million over next three years for programme finance, USD 20 Million for the ISA Corpus Fund and USD

10 Million for Secretariat management cost. Director General, further, informed that the USD 70 Million will be charged at UN rates of 8-10 %, which will also include staff cost for projects.

76. Director General apprised the Committee that a Sub-Committee as proposed above, will be established to guide the implementation of the Resource Mobilization Strategy and will be meeting at periodic intervals until the Pledging dinner on the eve of the Third Assembly of the ISA.

77. Director General invited the Global Advisor for Resource Mobilization to make a presentation on the Strategy before the Committee. The Global Advisor presented key elements of the Resource Mobilization Strategy, including feedback received so far on Theory of Change, project proposals and resource mobilization strategy, from various stakeholders. The Global Advisor also presented a term of reference of the Sub-Committee on Resource Mobilization of the Committee to guide the resource mobilization efforts. The Committee established the “Sub-Committee on Resource Mobilization” with the following terms of references:

- a. Engage at high-level with potential contributors and secure necessary political buy-in from potential contributors;
- b. Guide ISA Secretariat in engaging with potential contributors for financial resource mobilization;
- c. Conducting periodic Sub-Committee meetings virtually to seek update and provide feedback to the Secretariat;
- d. Guide and oversee the preparations for a successful pledging meeting on 14th Oct 2020; and
- e. Update and seek guidance from the President and the Co-President on implementation of Resource Mobilization strategy.
- f. The Sub-Committee will have the following members:
- g. HE the Secretary, MNRE as representative of the President
- h. HE The Ambassador of France to India as representative of the Co-President
- i. Ambassadors / HCs and Honorary Consuls as representatives of Vice Presidents.
- j. Director General, ISA
- k. Global Advisor, ISA
- l. Director, Finance, ISA, serving as the convener of the Sub-Committee.

78. The Committee also mandated the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Sub-Committee, to urgently reach out to potential contributors to discuss Theory of Change and Project Proposals for securing financial pledges.

79. The Chair also suggested introducing a Membership fee for the financial sustainability of the ISA.

80. The Chair invited the Members of the Committee for their comments and suggestions.

81. Representative of France informed that all contributions to the ISA are voluntary and France is committed to finance projects with added value and long-term impact.

82. The representative of United Kingdom appreciated the effort of the ISA Secretariat in preparation of the Strategy. He concurred with representative of France on the contributions to the ISA as being voluntary and suggested that introduction of Membership fees would amount to radical change in the proposition for the Members and Prospective Members of the ISA, requiring medium to long term deliberations. Further, he suggested that programmes need to have strong value proposition to attract contribution from development agencies. He suggested that indicative contribution against Member countries may be removed from the strategy.
83. Representative of the Kingdom of Netherlands echoed the suggestions of France and UK. Netherlands concurred with UK that contributions are voluntary and indicative contributions for the countries may be removed from the strategy.
84. The Chair noted the suggestions of the Members and suggested that indicative contributions may be deliberated upon by the Sub-Committee for revision or removal. The Chair, however, reiterated the imperative of financial sustainability of the Alliance and urged the Members in leadership position in the organization to contribute to the Alliance. It was highlighted that the strategy plans for pledge of USD 100 million over three years from around 30 very important Stakeholders which averages out around USD 1 million per year from each stakeholder.
85. The Chair further explained that his proposal for a Membership fee would be nominal for Least Development and Small Island Countries of the ISA. However, other Member countries that have leadership position in ISA governance would have a larger fee.
86. With these suggestions, the Committee noted the strategy paper and advised the Secretariat to operationalize the same within the timeframe mentioned.

Agenda item 10. Budget and Expenditure of the ISA

87. The Chair invited Director General to brief the Committee on the Budget and Expenditure of the ISA.
88. The Committee was briefed on the Budget and Expenditure of the ISA for the CY 2020 and 2021, contained in the Working Document ISA/SC.03/WD.09.
89. Director General informed the Committee that 50 % of the budget was earmarked for the international staff to be recruited, which will not be spent on account of delay in recruitment due to various factors such as COVID 19 pandemic. The Director General sought Committee's guidance on any mid-course correction for the same.
90. Further, Director General informed that the expenditure has been lower than proposed on account of inability to send technical missions to Member countries on account of cessation of air travel. In addition, the US \$ 700,000 for the ISA MBA Fellowship was not approved by the last Assembly, making the amount surplus for the current year.

91. Director General apprised the Committee that several LDCs and SIDS Member countries have requested small demonstration projects. Director General requested the Committee to authorise the Hon'ble President to allow mid-course correction in the budget and to approve small scale demonstration or pilot solar projects in SIDS and LDC member countries with priority to those member countries who have participated in programmes, appointed NFPs and country representatives, and have identified STARCs.
92. The Committee was also informed that external Auditor is on-board, and the audit will be initiated once the COVID situation improves. The audited accounts will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. Further, the Committee was also informed that ERP implementation is in progress as well as appointment of the internal auditor.
93. The Chair noted the underspend with the ISA Secretariat from the Budget of CY 2020 and 2021 and invited the Committee to authorise the ISA Secretariat to implement demonstration projects in LDCs and SIDS Member countries of the ISA, with a focus on to help hospitals in getting electrified through solar.
94. The Committee authorised the mid-course correction in the budget of the ISA and authorised the ISA Secretariat to utilise the underspend from budget of CY 2020 and 2021 for demonstration projects in LDCs and SIDS Member countries of the ISA.

Agenda item 11. Review of Clause(m) of the Annex 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the ISA Assembly

95. The Second Assembly of the ISA had mandated the Committee to review Clause (m) of the Annex 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the ISA Assembly, in light of procedures in other international organisations, and present its recommendations for the approval of the ISA Assembly
96. The Director General sought Chair's permission to recuse himself from the discussions under this Agenda item, which was granted.
97. The Chair briefed the Committee on the Agenda item and invited the Committee to consider the comparative analysis carried out by the ISA Secretariat, contained in the Working Document ISA/SC.03/WD.10.

The Chair invited the ISA Secretariat to make a brief presentation on the comparative analysis of other international organisations procedures.

98. The Chair acknowledged the presentation of the comparative analysis by the ISA Secretariat and informed the Committee that both the Framework Agreement as well as the Rules of Procedure of the ISA Assembly provides for the renewal of the Director General. Further, the Chair stated that Clause 5(a) of the Annexure 1 of the RoP which provides for renewal of the incumbent Director General has already been approved by the ISA Assembly. In addition, the Chair also further stated that Clause 5 (n), which lays down the procedure for renewal of the

term of Director General, has also been approved by the Second Assembly of the ISA. Under these provisions, the renewal of the current incumbent Director General has to be considered by the Assembly as mandated in the Article V (2) of the Framework Agreement.

99. The Chair informed the Members of the Committee that France had proposed an amendment under the Agenda item. The Chair further noted that the proposed amendment had not been received by the ISA Secretariat and had, consequently, not been circulated to the Members of the Committee.
100. The Chair invited France to apprise the Committee Members on the proposed amendment.
101. The Representative of France informed the Members that the amendment is procedural and addresses the potentiality of incumbent Director General's tenure not being renewed by the fourth Assembly after taking up his/her duties, thus requiring arrangements for an ex-officio Director General until the next Assembly.
102. The Chair noted the comments of France and mandated the ISA Secretariat to circulate, on receipt, the proposed amendment to the Members of the Committee for their consideration. The Chair invited the Committee to review the amendment and adjourned the discussion under the Agenda item, to be concluded at a later date to conclude deliberations.
103. The Chair called the Director General back into the meeting and briefed him that the Committee has adjourned the discussion under the Agenda item to be concluded at a later date when Committee members have had the opportunity to review the proposed amendment to Clause (M). The Chair mandated the ISA Secretariat to circulate the proposed amendment to all the National Focal Points of the Members of the Committee.
104. The third meeting of the Committee resumed on 29th June 2020 at 18:00 hrs (IST), with the participant list of the meeting provided in Annex III of this report. The Chair opened the resumed session and welcomed all Members. The Chair, before proceeding further, enquired whether all the Members had received the amendment proposed by France. He further clarified that any proposed amendment shall apply prospectively and not retrospectively. He further underlined that this is a general principal of law that no rule shall apply retrospectively and hence the proposed amendment shall not be applicable to the current incumbent DG.
105. The Chair invited representative of France to introduce the amendment to the Members. The representative of France, pointing out the draft circulated by the Secretariat, informed that the amendment has been proposed to avoid a situation which may create a one-year gap with no Director General, in the event an incumbent Director General is not renewed by the fourth Assembly after taking up his/her duties. In the interim, ISA would have to appoint an interim Director General until the completion of the selection procedure of a new Director General and would have to organize a special Assembly.
106. The Chair invited other Committee members to express their views and comments on the proposed amendment by France.

107. The representative of India, United Kingdom, Tonga, Niger, Peru, Togo and Venezuela intervened on the proposed amendment. The Member interventions are provided in Annex I of this report.
108. Following members' comments, the Chair informed the members that ISA has largely followed IRENA and the renewal procedure in IRENA is working fine. The Chair invited the Secretariat to brief the Members on the renewal procedure of Director General in IRENA.
109. The ISA Secretariat representative read out the relevant provisions pertaining to the renewal of the Director General of IRENA as contained in Para (h) and (i) of section III of Addendum to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Rules of Procedure of the Council on Selection and appointment of the Director-General of IRENA (A/5/5). The relevant provisions are reproduced hereunder.

Para (h) - "In the event that the incumbent Director-General decides to seek renewal of his/her appointment for a further term, the incumbent, after the Assembly session marking three years since the year of his/her appointment, submits, at least three months before the Council after this Assembly, a letter expressing his/her intent to seek or not to seek renewal to the Council Chair for transmission to all IRENA Members. The submission should include a summary of the achievements to date and a vision for the coming four years. The Council Chair invites all IRENA Members to provide their views on the matter, including with regard to the Director-General's submission, and circulates the outcome of his/her consultation process to all IRENA Members prior to the Council meeting."

Para (i) – "The incumbent Director-General makes a presentation at a session of the Council open to all IRENA Members. After his/her presentation, the Council – in accordance with Art. X.D. of the Statute – may wish to recommend the incumbent for renewal or to initiate the process as outlined in paragraphs (b) to (f) above."

110. The Chair underlined that the renewal procedure in IRENA, as described above, is an established and proven procedure which has been working fine in IRENA. Therefore, the IRENA model of renewal of the Director General can be adopted in ISA. The Chair invited Members to offer their comments on the proposal, if any. The Members expressed their support, on the proposal to adopt the IRENA model for renewal of Director General of ISA, with Standing Committee of the ISA taking on responsibilities equivalent to the IRENA council.
111. Pursuant to the Second Assembly decision, that the Standing Committee will review clause (m) in the light of procedures in other similar international organisations and recommend to the Assembly for consideration and approval at its next session, the Committee after having reviewed all the procedure of renewal/reappointment of the Director General in other International Organisations, decided as follows.

- a) to adopt the IRENA's procedure for renewal of the Director General as contained in Para (h) and (i) of section III of Addendum to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and Rules of Procedure of the Council on Selection and appointment of the Director-General of IRENA (A/5/5).
- b) Consistent with IRENA procedure, recommends to the Assembly for approval of the text of clause (m) and (n) as follows;

Clause (m):

“In the event that the incumbent Director-General decides to seek renewal of his/her appointment for a further term, the incumbent, after the Assembly session marking three years since the year of his/her appointment, submits, at least three months before the Standing Committee after this Assembly, a letter expressing his/her intent to seek or not to seek renewal, to the Standing Committee Chair for transmission to all ISA Members. The submission should include a summary of the achievements to date and a vision for the coming four years. The Standing Committee Chair invites all ISA Members to provide their views on the matter, including with regard to the Director-General’s submission, and circulates the outcome of his/her consultation process to all ISA Members prior to the Standing Committee meeting.”

Clause (n):

“The incumbent Director-General makes a presentation at a meeting of the Standing Committee, open to all ISA Members. After his/her presentation, the Standing Committee may wish to recommend the incumbent for renewal to the Assembly or to initiate the process as outlined in paragraphs (c) to (k) above.”

- c) Renewal of current incumbent Director General as mandated under Article V (2) of the Framework Agreement will be taken up for consideration by the Assembly under Clause 5(a) and 5(n) of the Annexure 1 of the extant Rules of Procedure of the Assembly. As a general principle of law, no rules or amendments thereto will apply retrospectively.

Agenda item 12. Notification on the Next Vice-Presidents

112. The Committee welcomed two new members of the Committee; i) United Kingdom as Vice-President and The Netherlands as Alternate Member from Europe and Others region.
113. Pursuant to the decision of the ISA Assembly, the ISA Secretariat presented nominations for the next Vice-Presidents of the ISA Assembly (For the period 2020-2022) for the information of the Committee members, contained in the information document (ISA/SC.03/INF.01).

114. The Chair invited Director General to brief the Committee on the Agenda item.
115. The Director General tabled a corrigendum to the Provisional Annotated Agenda for the Committee reflecting that the Vice-Presidents shall be selected from the region on the basis of seniority in terms of submission of the instrument of ratification to the depository.
116. The Committee was informed the names of the future 2 Vice-Presidents each from four regions. Further, the Secretariat clarified that there is no legal impediment to Peru being selected again for the position of Vice-President (VP) from the region as per procedure adopted by the Assembly. The next 8 VPs (two per region) will have tenure for two years and will grace the Assembly in the year 2021 and 2022.
117. The Committee was informed that the current Vice-Presidents shall continue to hold office until the end of third Assembly session when new Vice-Presidents selected from the regions and formally assume office.
118. The Chair thanked Director General, ISA and invited the Committee to take note of the notification.
119. The Committee took note of the notification on the next Vice-Presidents.

Agenda item 13. Election of the President and the Co-President

120. Noting that the terms of the current President and Co-President of the ISA Assembly are due to expire on October 15th, 2020 and the election of new President and Co-President for a term of two years will be held at third Assembly session, the ISA Secretariat sought guidance of the Committee on the invitation of nomination for the position of President and the Co-President.
121. The Chair invited the Director General to brief the Committee on the Agenda item.
122. The Director General informed that the ISA Secretariat will circulate nomination papers and a time schedule for the submission of the nominations.
123. Director General sought guidance from the Committee either the procedure adopted at the UN for nominating President may be followed, wherein the countries nominate themselves for the position of the President. Director General sought guidance from the Committee if the nominations are to be made by the regional groups of the ISA or the Member countries could nominate themselves.
124. Director General requested approval from the Committee to circulate the nomination papers and election time schedule to the Member countries.
125. The Committee mandated the ISA Secretariat to circulate the nomination format and time schedule for the election process to all the Members. The Committee further mandated the ISA

Secretariat to adopt the UN procedure, wherein it open to all Member countries to nominate themselves, for the nomination process. The formats may be got approved by the President of the Assembly before circulation by the Secretariat.

Agenda item 14. Arrangements for the third Assembly of the ISA

126. The Chair invited the Director General, ISA, to brief the Committee on the arrangements for the Third Assembly of the ISA.
127. Director General, ISA informed the Committee that the Second Assembly had approved that the next Assembly will be held in September, 2020, in conjunction with the 3rd RE-INVEST of the Host Country. However, the Host Country intimated the ISA Secretariat that the RE-INVEST is being planned from October 14th to 17th, 2020 and will now be held in virtual mode on account of the COVID-19 pandemic.
128. Director General, ISA, further informed that an ISA Partner and Corporate Partners conclave is being proposed to be held on October 14th, 2020 followed by credentials committee meetings and bilateral meetings followed by the pledging dinner to be hosted by the President and the Co-President. The Third Assembly of the ISA is being proposed to be held on October 15th, 2020. Further, the Secretariat is proposing Member country interventions and bilateral meetings on October 16th, 2020.
129. Director General sought Committee's guidance as to whether the Third Assembly, which will be held from October 14th to 16th, 2020, is to be held in the virtual mode or in physical mode at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi - the original venue for the 3rd RE-INVEST.
130. The Chair noted the arrangements for the Third Assembly of the ISA presented by the ISA Secretariat. The Chair suggested that the question of holding the Assembly in physical or virtual mode may be deliberated at a later stage, with preference being given to the meeting in physical mode on account of varying time zones across Member countries.
131. The Committee mandated the ISA Secretariat to examine technical logistics for holding the Committee meeting in virtual mode and present them at the next meeting of the Committee.

Agenda item 15. Arrangements for the Fourth Meeting of the Standing Committee

132. The Chair invited the Director General to present the arrangements for the Fourth Meeting of the Committee.
133. The Director General informed the Committee that the provisional agenda of the third meeting of the Committee had proposed the fourth meeting to be held from 10th August to 15th August 2020.

134. However, during an informal briefing session on 15 May 2020, the representative of France requested that the meeting be scheduled in the first week of September 2020.
135. The Chair requested the Members of the Committee for their availability in the first week of September 2020.
136. The Committee approved the fourth meeting of the Committee to be held in the first/second week of September, 2020.

Agenda item 16. Other Business

137. The Chair invited the Members of the Committee and the ISA Secretariat to raise any other issues under the Agenda item.
138. No other issues were raised under the Agenda item.
139. The Chair invited the Member countries to deliver their country intervention statements.
140. The Chair invited representative of Kingdom of Tonga to deliver country statement.
141. The representative of Tonga thanked the ISA Secretariat for arranging the third meeting of the Committee and its support to the Member countries. He appreciated the commendable work done by the ISA Secretariat in incubating the idea of a Solar Risk Mitigation Initiative, which was now being implemented in several countries including Maldives giving great success. He requested the Secretariat and the World Bank and other Multilateral Banks who are partners of ISA to replicate the SRMI in at least five more Island Member countries, including Tonga, in a time bound manner.
142. He further stated that the World Solar Bank proposed by the ISA Secretariat should be established at the earliest, potentially at the Third Assembly of the ISA. Tonga suggested that the Bank would be a source of affordable finance for the Small Island Developing Countries. The bank would be able to co-finance community-based projects with other multi-lateral banks and could also be able to offer credit enhancement mechanisms for the SIDS countries. All member countries may be given an opportunity for equity ownership.
143. Tonga requested that the recommendations made in the Regional Committee meetings be followed up and small demonstration projects be established in SIDS Member countries of the ISA, with special emphasis to tackle Covid-19 related challenges. Tonga thanked the Hon'ble President and the Director General, ISA for mid-course corrections to the budget to facilitate such demonstration projects. Tonga also appreciated the commendable efforts being made by the ISA Secretariat and noted the significance of the several new initiatives launched recently by the President and the Co-president.

144. Tonga reiterated their suggestions under Agenda 3 regarding Appointment of Permanent Representatives to the ISA that the Member countries be allowed to decide in consultation with the Host country if Honorary Consuls could be appointed as Permanent Representatives to the ISA. Tonga, further, informed the Committee that out of Sixteen Member countries from the Asia-Pacific region about seven or eight are represented by Honorary Consuls.
145. The Chair noted the suggestions of Tonga as valid and mandated the ISA Secretariat and the Host Country to examine the same.
146. The Chair invited representative of the Republic of Niger to deliver country statement.
147. Republic of Niger represented by His Excellency, the Ambassador of Niger to India, conveyed greetings on behalf of the Hon'ble Minister of Energy of Republic of Niger and informed the Committee of Hon'ble Minister's inability to attend the meeting on account of the travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He further expressed appreciation on behalf of the highest authority of the Republic of Niger for the efforts and leadership of the highest authority of the Host Country and the Chair towards the International Solar Alliance and its work.
148. While greatly appreciating the outstanding work done by the Secretariat, the representative of Niger thanked the Director General for his efforts to continue the activities of the ISA despite the ongoing challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. He reaffirmed Niger's support to the International Solar Alliance and its programmes.
149. The Chair thanked Niger for their comments.
150. The Chair invited Togo to deliver country statement.
151. Republic of Togo represented by H.E., the Chargé d'Affaires at the Embassy of Republic of Togo in New Delhi conveyed greetings on behalf of the Hon'ble Minister of Mines and Energy, Republic of Togo. He noted that the agenda of the Third Meeting of the Committee added significant value and welcomed the great and relevant work being carried out by the ISA. He requested that agenda items 3 and 7 be deliberated again at the next Standing Committee, in light of the suggestions made at the Third Meeting of the Committee. He appreciated the Solar Park program and work done by ISA and NTPC in Togo.
152. The Chair thanked Togo for their comments and suggestions.
153. The Chair invited Peru to deliver country statement.
154. Republic of Peru represented by H.E. the Ambassador of the Peru to India conveyed best wishes of the Hon'ble Minister of Energy and Mines for organizing the meeting and conveyed Her Excellency's regrets for not being able attend the meeting. He appreciated the commendable efforts being made by the ISA Secretariat and noted the significance of the new initiatives launched by the ISA Secretariat. He expressed his pleasure to be the Rapporteur for the Third Meeting of the Committee. He thanked the Hon'ble Chair and the Co-Chair for their support to the International Solar Alliance and to the Paris Agreement.

155. The Chair thanked Peru for their comments.

Agenda item 17. Closing

156. The Chair thanked all the Members of the Committee for a very productive meeting.

157. The Chair thanked the ISA Secretariat for all the background work carried out by it and evoked confidence that the initiatives started by the Secretariat will be collectively taken forward.

158. The Chair noted that within short spell of two years after getting legal recognition as the Secretariat established by the parties, ISA Secretariat has already started implementing several programs, projects, activities, initiatives, and partnerships and noted the significance of the proposed Seventh Programme of the ISA as a strong weapon to help achieve the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement and Paris Declaration.

159. The Chair expressed satisfaction on behalf of the Committee on the ability of the ISA Secretariat to mobilize funds and reiterated that it was incumbent upon all the Members of the Committee and ISA to assist the Secretariat in mobilizing financial resources.

160. The Chair closed the meeting for reconvening at the earliest to take up the unfinished agenda which had to be postponed on procedural ground.

ANNEX I

Country Intervention at the Standing Committee Meeting on Agenda 11

Republic of India, United Kingdom, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Peru, Republic of Niger and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela intervened in the discussion on the amendment proposed by Republic of France and Clause 5(m) of the Annexure 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the ISA Assembly.

Following interventions were made:

1. **Republic of India:** Republic of India, while acknowledging the utility of the French amendment in addressing a potential vacancy in the position of the Director General as per the current Rules of Procedure, noted that the proposed amendment requires an incumbent DG to provide his/her preference vis-à-vis renewal with the sponsorship of his/her country within two and a half years of his/her appointment. India proposed that two and a half years' time is insufficient to indicate a preference and proposed that a more detailed examination in light of the procedures in other international organizations is needed. India also declared that any changes to the Rules of Procedure need to be prospective, as a general principle of law, and they can not be applied retrospectively.
2. **United Kingdom:** UK, after seeking a clarification on the proposed French amendment, noted that the French amendment raise significant and substantial issues pertaining to the term of DG, and noted the need to address a potential year's gap. Concurring with India and France, UK proposed that the decision on the renewal of the DG could be made after the Third Assembly but however before the Fourth Assembly.
3. **Republic of Niger:** Niger noted that the proposed amendment provides for a short tenure of two years to an incumbent DG to present his/her achievements to put forth a case for renewal. Niger proposed that original three-year term should be retained as in other organizations and did not foresee a situation of vacancy in the position of Director General.
4. **Kingdom of Tonga:** Tonga noted that ISA has been following IRENA's Rules and Procedure and further noted that the Framework Agreement of the ISA provides for renewal of the Director General, which Tonga said is a simple process and a Director General who has proven his worth during the previous tenure should be renewed at the discretion of Assembly. Tonga noted the need for an informed decision on the matter based on understanding of the procedure in other similar organisations and that a term of 2.5 years is unheard of in other international organisations such as UN, WTO, UNESCO, UNIDO etc. Tonga further added that a 2.5 years term puts immense pressure on the Assembly which has to decide based on the performance of just 2.5 years, of which about one year is usually taken to settle down. In addition, Tonga added that the proposed term puts pressure on the DG to make a choice for a further term on the basis of short tenure of 2.5 years in the organization. Tonga finally proposed that since clause (m) is a procedural matter that will not affect the current incumbent DG, a decision may be taken after due deliberations and approved by the next Assembly. Tonga requested the ISA Secretariat to make a comparative analysis of different organisations on the matter.

5. **Republic of Peru:** Peru sought clarification if the proposed amendment is to be approved at the Standing Committee or at the Assembly and how could the amendment be brought into force, given that the current incumbent DG has completed three years of his four-year term. Upon clarification from the Chair that the proposed amendment shall not apply to the current incumbent who has completed three years of his term and any rule cannot be applied retrospectively as a general principle of law, Peru expressed support for the amendment.
6. **Republic of Togo:** Togo agreed with the rationale for the amendment to prevent a vacancy in the position of the Director General and supported the proposed amendment by Republic of France.
7. **Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela:** Venezuela noted that the Framework Agreement of the ISA provides for renewal of the incumbent DG, which ought to be a simple process. Venezuela also commented that a 2.5-year term could be too short for the Assembly to take a decision as about a year is needed to settle down and adjust to the environment, build a team and to get involved in the procedures of the organization. Venezuela added that such a short term also puts pressure on the incumbent DG to make a decision on a further term based on an experience of just 2.5 years in the organization. Venezuela noted that other international organisations such UNESCO, UNIDO, UN, WTO do not have such a procedure to decide on the question of reappointment. Venezuela agreed that a three-year term to decide on the question as included in clause (m) and based on the analysis of ISA Secretariat should be retained. Venezuela also expressed that the current incumbent has proven great capacity in his three years term and should be renewed at the forthcoming assembly.

ANNEX II

LIST OF ATTENDEES*

Date: May 27th 2020

Attendees

Chair (India)

1. Hon'ble Shri R K Singh, President of ISA Assembly and Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy, Government of India
2. H.E. Shri Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India
3. Dr P C Maithani, National Focal Point to ISA and Adviser, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India

Co-Chair (France)

4. H.E. Mr Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India
5. Ms Amélie Loughsami - NFP, France
6. Mr. Paul Salvaire - Counsellor for global issues, Embassy of France in India

Niger

7. H.E. Mr Ado Leko, Ambassador of Niger
8. Mr. Souleymane Boureima – Counsellor, Embassy of Niger in India

Peru

9. H.E. Mr. Carlos Rafael Polo Castaneda, Ambassador of Peru to India
10. Mr. Fabio Subia Diaz - Second Secretary, Embassy of Peru in India

Sri Lanka

11. Mr. Niluka Kadurugamuwa, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of Sri Lanka
12. Mr. J.G.L. Sulakshana Jayawardena – NFP, Sri Lanka

Togo

13. H.E. Mr. Kondi Mani, Charge d Affairs', Embassy of Togo
14. Mr Yawo Akpemado – Second Counsellor
15. Ms Eliana Amoury – Administrative Officer/Translator
16. Mr. Bolidja Francois Tiem – NFP, Togo

Tonga

17. H.E. Mr Desh Sahae, Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Tonga

Venezuela

18. Mr. Freddy Brito Maestre, Minister of the People's Power for Electric Energy
19. Mrs. Tania Mases, Vice-Minister on New Energy Sources
20. Daniel Alvarez – NFP Venezuela
21. Juan Vásquez, Alternate NFP
22. Eliana Galindo - International Affairs, Directorate on the Ministry of Peoples Power for Electric Energy.

United Kingdom

23. Mr. Oliver-John Keetch - Head, Strategy, Corporate and Global Partnerships, Department for International Development (DFID India), British High Commission, New Delhi

The Netherlands

24. Mr. Hugo Brouwer - Focal Point Energy, Inclusive Green Growth Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
25. Djûke Stammeshaus - Policy officer, Inclusive Green Growth Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
26. Ms Priya Dagar – Senior Policy Officer, Embassy of Netherlands in New Delhi

Depositary

27. Mr. P. Harish, Additional Secretary (External Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
28. Ms. Priya Nair, Director (ED), MEA

Secretariat of International Solar Alliance

29. H.E. Mr. Upendra Tripathy, Director General
30. Mr. A K Mishra, Senior Advisor, ISA
31. Mr. K S Popli, Advisor, ISA
32. Mr. Anand Rao, Director (HR and Coordination)
33. Mr. Jagjeet Sareen, Director (Finance)
34. Mr. Philippe Malbranche, Director (Programme)
35. Ms Cécile Martin-Phipps, (Director Strategy & Communication)
36. Ms Fiona Bourne, Director (Governance)
37. Mr. Rajeev Gyani, Additional Director (Renewable Energy)
38. Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Additional Director (Renewable Energy)
39. Ms Archana Bhardwaj, (HR Officer)
40. Mr. Rajesh Bhardwaj, (Finance Officer)
41. Dr. Megha Pushpendra, Lead- Strategic Communication
42. Mr. P C Sharma, Deputy Director (RE)
43. Mr Shishir Seth, Host Country Coordinator

44. Mr. Amar Jit Singh Soran, Consultant
45. Mr Bimal Dash, Senior Consultant (IT)
46. Mr. Naresh Mehta, Chief of Protocol
47. Mr. Sastry Akella, Assistant Director (RE)
48. Mr Rajiv Kumar, Consultant (Legal)
49. Mr Sudhakar Upadhyay, Consultant
50. Mr Kushagr Nagaich, Consultant
51. Mr Rajender Kumar, Consultant (IT)
52. Ms Zerine Osho

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ANNEX III**LIST OF ATTENDEES at the resumed meeting of the third Standing Committee on Agenda 11***Date: June 29th 2020Attendees**• India – Chair**

- H.E. Shri Raj Kumar Singh - Chair
- H.E. Mr. Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi, Secretary, MNRE
- Dr. P C Maithani – NFP, India

• France – Co-Chair

- H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Lenain, Ambassador of France to India
- Mr. Paul Salvaire - Counsellor for global issues, Embassy of France in India

• Peru

- H.E. Mr. Carlos Rafael Polo Castañeda – Ambassador of Peru in India
- Mr. Fabio Subia Diaz - Second Secretary, Embassy of Peru in India

0. Venezuela

- H.E. Ms. Coromoto Godoy Calderón, Ambassador of Venezuela in India

1. Togo

- H.E. Mr. Kondi Mani – Charge d’Affairs, Head of Mission
- Mr Yawo Akpemado – Second Counsellor

2. Niger

- H.E. Mr. Ado Leko, Ambassador of Niger in New Delhi
- Mr. Souleymane Boureima – Counsellor, Embassy of Niger in India

3. Tonga

- H.E. Mr. Desh B Sahae - Hony. Consul of the Kingdom of Tonga in New Delhi

4. United Kingdom

- Mr. Oliver-John Keetch - Head, Strategy, Corporate and Global Partnerships, Department for International Development (DFID India), British High Commission, New Delhi

5. The Netherlands

- Mr. Ravleen Pal - Deputy Head of Economic Section, Embassy of Netherlands in India

6. MEA, Government of India

- H.E. Mr. P Harish, Additional Secretary (ER), MEA
- Ms. Priya Nair, Director, MEA

7. ISA Secretariat officials

- H.E. Mr. Upendra Tripathy, Director General
- Mr. A K Mishra, Senior Advisor
- Mr. Jagjeet Sareen, Director (Finance)
- Ms. Cecile Martin Phipps, Director (Communication)
- Ms. Fiona Bourne, Director (Governance and Innovation)
- Dr. Philippe Malbranche, Director (Programme)
- Mr. Shishir Seth, Host Country Coordinator
- Mr. Rajeev Gyani, Additional Director (RE)
- Ms Archana Bhardwaj, PO (HR)
- Mr. Amar Jit Soran, Consultant
- Mr. Bimal Dash, Sr. Consultant (IT)
- Mr Rajender Kumar, Consultant (IT)
- Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Legal Officer
- Mr. Naresh Mehta, Chief of Protocol
- Mr. Sudhakar Upadhyay, Administrative Officer
- Mr. A P Sastry, Assistant Director (RE)
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