

Statute
of the
International Renewable
Energy Agency
(IRENA)

The *Parties* to this Statute,

desiring to promote the widespread and increased adoption and use of renewable energy with a view to sustainable development,

inspired by their firm belief in the vast opportunities offered by renewable energy for addressing and gradually alleviating problems of energy security and volatile energy prices,

convinced of the major role that renewable energy can play in reducing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, thereby contributing to the stabilisation of the climate system, and allowing for a sustainable, secure and gentle transit to a low carbon economy,

desiring to foster the positive impact that renewable energy technologies can have on stimulating sustainable economic growth and creating employment,

motivated by the huge potential of renewable energy in providing decentralised access to energy, particularly in developing countries, and access to energy for isolated and remote regions and islands,

concerned about the serious negative implications that the use of fossil fuels and the inefficient use of traditional biomass can have on health,

convinced that renewable energy, combined with enhanced energy efficiency, can increasingly cover the anticipated steep increase in global energy needs in the coming decades,

affirming their desire to establish an international organisation for renewable energy, that facilitates the cooperation between its Members, while also establishing a close collaboration with existing organisations that promote the use of renewable energy,

have agreed as follows: