

Cairo Declaration of Intentions

on

Establishment of Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency “RCREEE”

June 25, 2008

We the delegates and representatives of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen supported by the representatives of Governments of Germany, Denmark and the European Commission (EC) convening at Cairo, on 29-30 January 2008 for establishing a Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RE & EE) for Arab countries.

Recalling Damascus Declaration of the 4th Middle East & North Africa Renewable Energy Conference (MENAREC4) 2007, which called on MENA countries, concerned national institutions and regional organizations to work closely together with the RCREEE.

Recognizing the rapidly rising demands on energy supplies for satisfying the development needs in the MENA region and the consequent burdens for ensuring sustainable development as well as the expected role of RE&EE in this respect

Considering the current policies, actions and plans of RE & EE adopted by the Arab countries towards increasing their contribution in the national energy mix, taking into consideration securing energy supplies and environmental dimension.

Noting the recent advancements in RE&EE technologies, the abundantly available renewable energy resources in the MENA region and the consequent opportunities for their widespread applications.

Realizing that creating appropriate market environments for the increasing role of the private sector involvement, along with enabling frameworks for strong public – private partnerships, are very important for successful commercial applications and long-term viability of renewable and energy efficiency technologies

Referring to the study of “MENA Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in November 2007 as well as the on going studies supported by the governments of Germany and Denmark,

Declare:

- (1)** The support of establishing “Regional Centre for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency - RCREEE“, which will provide an added value to the work performed by already existing institutions and regional collaboration agreements.
- (2)** The RCREEE will serve as a think tank and coordination platform in the three interrelated core areas of **(i)** RE&EE policies **(ii)** Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP) for RE&EE and **(iii)** RE&EE research,& development technology policies and programs.

Consequently, the overall objectives of the RCREEE are:

- diffusing the implementation of cost-effective RE&EE policies, strategies and technologies in countries of the Arab region and
- increasing the share of RE&EE products and services in and from Arab countries on the global market.

Whereas the Specific Objectives are:

- expanding cooperation networks in RE&EE between the participating countries and between EU-countries and participated countries,
 - promotion of best-practice RE&EE policy and implementation of concepts in MENA countries to raise the quality of RE&EE policy in participating countries,
 - expanding the scope and scale of private-public-partnerships for RE&EE in participating countries,
 - increasing the benefits to Arab countries from EU-MENA technology cooperation in RE&EE and from technology transfer;
 - raising the level of RD&D investments in RE&EE in participating countries.
- (3)** The coordination of efforts to enable taking the necessary measures and to develop competent plans to successfully operate the center as one of the means to further

promote RE&EE in our countries' energy portfolios, as appropriate to each country's resources and needs.

- (4)** The establishment of the RCREEE will play a remarkable role in satisfying the need to explore and mobilize innovative and appropriate financing methods and schemes to support RE & EE implementation in the participating countries.
- (5)** The support of the center to strengthen the cooperation among participating countries on one hand and between MENA countries and European Union on the other hand in terms of technology transfer, capacity development, exchange of best practices and enhancement of joint Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) projects for the interest of all parties.
- (6)** Establishing RCREEE will assist MENA region to take the appropriate decisions in the policies and strategies of RE & EE in order to realize the expected benefits.
- (7)** RCREEE will contribute in proposing educational topics and training programs in RE & EE according to the needs of the country.
- (8)** The RCREEE hosted in Egypt will represent the participating countries and perform its functions on a full autonomous basis.

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