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Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

1. The President of the ISA Assembly opened the Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee by welcoming the Co-President, the French Republic and Ministers, Vice Presidents of the ISA Assembly, Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Honorary Consuls & other Excellencies representing countries who are members of the Standing Committee. After delivering his opening remarks, the President invited the Co-President to deliver his opening remarks.
2. H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Lenain, Hon'ble Ambassador of the French Republic to India representing the Co-Presidency delivered his opening address to the Standing Committee.
3. H.E. Liván Arronte Cruz, Minister of Energy and Mining, Republic of Cuba and the Vice President of ISA Assembly from the Latin America and Caribbean region addressed the Standing Committee.
4. The President thanked the Co-President and the Vice President for their remarks.

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

5. The President invited the Standing Committee to consider the provisional agenda contained in the Working Document *ISA/SC.07/WD.01* and provide their comments.
6. The representative from Kingdom of the Netherlands remarked that she has no objections on the agenda items listed, however she raised concern on the delay in circulation of the working documents. She requested more time be provided in future for perusing the document before the commencement of the meeting.

7. ***Decision: The Standing Committee adopted the Provisional Agenda for the Seventh Assembly of the ISA, as contained in the Working Document ISA/SC.07/WD.01.***

Agenda Item 3. Selection of Rapporteur

8. The President informed that the Standing Committee that the Republic of the Niger had graciously agreed to act as the rapporteur for the Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee. He thanked the Republic of the Niger for their support.
9. ***Decision: The Standing Committee appointed the Republic of the Niger as the Rapporteur for the Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee.***

Agenda Item 4. Confirmation of the Report of the Sixth Standing Committee

10. On invitation of the President, the Director-General invited the Standing Committee to consider the working document ***ISA/SC.06/WD.14*** containing the report of the Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee.
11. ***Decision: The Standing Committee confirmed the report of the Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee as contained in the Working Document ISA/SC.06/WD.14.***

Agenda Item 5. Action Taken Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Standing Committee

12. The Director-General briefly explained to the Standing Committee the actions taken by the ISA Secretariat against the guidance provided by the Committee at its sixth meeting, as contained in the working document ***ISA/SC.07/WD.03***.
13. ***Decision: The Standing Committee noted the action taken by the ISA Secretariat as contained in the Action Taken Report.***

Agenda Item 6. Summary of Annual Report for CY 2022

14. On the invitation of the President, the Director-General presented to the Standing Committee a summary of the Annual Report of ISA for 2022 as

contained in the working document *ISA/SC.07/WD.04*. The Director-General mentioned that the completed Annual Report shall be circulated among all members of ISA along with the working documents of the Fifth Assembly of ISA.

15. ***Decision: The Standing Committee noted the proposed circulation of the Annual Report of ISA for 2022 to the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.***

Agenda Item 7. Revised Organisational Structure and Proposal for New Positions at the ISA Secretariat

16. The President invited the Director-General to brief the Standing Committee on the revised organisational structure and proposals for new positions at the ISA Secretariat.
17. The Director-General presented the revised organisational structure of the ISA Secretariat as contained in the working document *ISA/SC.07/WD.05*, and conveyed to the Standing Committee the human resource needed to staff the Secretariat to its full capacity. The Director-General thanked the President for agreeing to oversee the recruitment process.
18. The representative of the French Republic remarked that as per the trust fund agreement for funding the STAR-C initiative of the ISA, at least two full time staff need to be deployed. He also enquired about the position of the Assistant Director General on secondment from the French Republic within the revised organogram. He also remarked that the recruitment process should give priority to the experts in solar energy and have enough resources to manage and reinforce the IT infrastructure of ISA.
19. ***Decision: The President suggested that the ISA Secretariat allow the Members of Standing Committee to share their feedback on the working document over a period of following seven days. The Standing Committee recommended the Revised Organisational Structure and Proposal for New Positions at the ISA Secretariat subject to changes on the basis of the feedback received from the Members of the Standing Committee to the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.***

Agenda Item 8. Audited Financial Statement of the ISA

20. The President invited the ISA Secretariat to present the Audited Financial Statement of the ISA.
21. Mr. Rajesh Bhardwaj, Head of Internal Finance at the ISA Secretariat informed the Standing Committee that the independent auditors have issued a clean audit report after following the due process as contained in the working document *ISA/SC.07/WD.06*.
22. ***Decision: The Standing Committee recommended the Audited Financial Statement of the ISA to be placed before the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration.***

Agenda Item 9. Status of Corpus Fund and Proposal for Annual Contributions

23. Introducing the agenda item, the President emphasized the need for ensuring monetary support to the ISA as a means for ensuring energy access across the developing world and also the global energy transition.
24. The Director-General briefed the Standing Committee on the proposed three-tier structure of annual voluntary contributions to be sought from the members of the ISA as contained in the working document *ISA/SC.07/WD.07*.
25. ***Decision: The Standing Committee recommended the status of corpus fund and the proposal for annual contribution as contained in the working document to be placed before the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.***

Agenda Item 10. Update on Work Program and Budget of the ISA for CY 2023 and CY 2024

26. The President invited the Director-General to introduce the agenda item. The Director General conveyed to the Standing Committee that the proposed work plan and budget for the ISA are under preparation and these shall be presented at the Assembly.

27. Mr. Joshua Wycliffe, Chief of Operations, ISA Secretariat presented the salient features of the work plan under preparation and the projected expenditure for the year 2022 through a PowerPoint presentation.
28. ***Decision: The President instructed the ISA Secretariat to circulate the presentation on the salient features of the work plan for CY 2023 and CY 2024 among the Members of the Standing Committee and seek feedback on the same. The Standing Committee recommended the Work Plan for CY 2023 and CY 2024 along with the projected expenditure for CY 2022 be prepared and placed before the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.***

Agenda Item 11. Granting of Partner Organisation Status

29. The President invited the Director-General to introduce the agenda item, and the Director General briefed the Standing Committee about the partnership entered into by the ISA over the course of the year, and the collaborative activities and initiatives planned under each of these partnerships as contained in the information document ***ISA/SC.07/INF.01***.
30. The representative from the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the French Republic appreciated the expansion of ISA's partnership network and expressed their optimism that these partnerships will help meet ISA's objectives and ambitions.
31. ***Decision: The Standing Committee recommended ratification of the Partner Organisation status accorded to these organisations to the Fifth Assembly of ISA.***

Agenda Item 12. Update on STAR-C Initiative

32. On invitation of the President, Dr. Philippe Malbranche, Assistant Director General from the ISA Secretariat presented a brief update on the STAR-C initiative to the Standing Committee as contained in the working document ***ISA/SC.07/WD.08***. Dr. Malbranche highlighted to the Standing Committee the strategic objectives of the STAR-C initiative and the interest received from the member countries for setting up of the STAR-Cs.

33. **Decision: The Standing Committee recommended that the Update on ISA's STAR-C initiative as contained in the working document ISA/SC.07/WD.08 be placed before the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration.**

Agenda Item 13. Update on the Solar Grand Challenge

34. On invitation of the President, the Director-General presented to the Standing Committee the details of the proposed SolarX Grand Challenge as contained in the working document *ISA/SC.07/WD.09*, including the process, the identified partner organisations, the revenue source and the budget, and the prize money for the winners.
35. **Decision: The Standing Committee recommended that the details of the Solar Grand Challenge be placed before the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.**

Agenda Item 14. Provisional Agenda for the Fifth Assembly of ISA

36. On invitation of the President, the Director-General briefed the Standing Committee on the various procedural and substantive matters as contained in the working document *ISA/A.05/WD.01* proposed to be tabled at the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.
37. The representative from the French Republic proposed the addition of an agenda item on the Sustainable Renewables Risk Mitigation Initiative (SRMI). In response to the proposal, the ISA Secretariat informed the Standing Committee that no funds have been created under the SRMI initiative.
38. **Decision: The Standing Committee recommended the provisional agenda for the fifth Assembly of ISA as contained in the working document ISA/A.05/WD.01 to the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its adoption.**

Agenda Item 15. Interventions by Member Countries

39. The President invited the Members of the Standing Committee to deliver their country statements specific to the ISA and solar energy

40. ***No interventions were made by the Members of the Standing Committee of ISA.***

Agenda Item 16. Any Other Business

41. The Director-General proposed to present to the Standing Committee an update on the Blended Finance Risk Mitigation Facility.
42. The President proposed that the matter of the risk mitigation facility be presented to the ISA Assembly only after a thorough review and evaluation by financial experts.
43. With the approval of the President, the Director-General presented to the Standing Committee a summary of the proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations and Procedures, and the Staff Regulations and Rules that constitute the Manual of Regulations of ISA.
44. ***Decision: The President instructed the ISA Secretariat to circulate the presentation on the proposed amendments to the Manual of Regulations among the Members of the Standing Committee and seek feedback on the same. The Standing Committee recommended that the amendments to the Manual of Regulations of ISA be worked out in detail and placed before the Fifth Assembly of ISA for its consideration and approval.***

Agenda Item 17. Closing of the Meeting

45. The President emphasised the importance of the Meeting of the Standing Committee in view of the approaching Fifth Assembly of the ISA. The President invited the Co-President, the French Republic to deliver the closing remarks.
46. The representative of the French Republic thanked the Standing Committee.
47. ***The President declared the Seventh Meeting of the Standing Committee of the ISA closed.***
