

Joint Ministerial Declaration on the occasion of the 2015 IEA Ministerial meeting expressing the Activation of Association

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1. We, the IEA and China, Indonesia and Thailand, met at the IEA Ministerial meeting in Paris on 17 and 18 November 2015 and jointly declare the Activation of IEA Association. We strongly welcome the achievement of this historic milestone in the development of global energy governance and hereafter China, Indonesia and Thailand will be called Association countries.
2. Activation of Association is expected to serve as a bridge and platform for wider-ranging and deeper co-operation and collaboration between IEA member and Association countries in the future. It is a key step towards building a truly global international energy organisation, fully reflective of future energy trends and the interests of both IEA members and Association countries, who have a critical expanding role across the entire range of global energy issues. To support the momentum of this profound transformation, the IEA will adopt an inclusive approach, adapting and evolving for the mutual benefit of IEA members and Association countries.
3. This new relationship builds upon the Joint Declaration on Association issued on the occasion of the November 2013 IEA Ministerial meeting. The 2013 Declaration stated that Association would provide a common forum for regular dialogue between the IEA Members and Association countries through the participation of Association countries in meetings of various IEA Standing Groups and Committees as well as IEA Ministerial meetings. As laid out in the 2013 Declaration, Association is intended to build upon the extensive bilateral work programmes that have been jointly developed and agreed by the IEA and individual Association countries in recent years.
4. This declaration on the Activation of Association follows extensive and comprehensive consultations carried out between the IEA and Association countries over the past two years, aimed at reaching an understanding on how to develop Association in a manner that captures both the benefits for and the responsibilities of IEA members and Association countries.
5. The success of this joint work, reflecting the best endeavours of all Parties to Association, acknowledges that strong and fruitful co-operation already exists, but also that the energy challenges of the future call for even stronger collaboration. We share the understanding that Association is a non-binding and progressive relationship that will have an evolving nature and that will serve as a basis for higher levels of mutual co-operation in the future. We will continue to work together to this end under this strengthened institutional tie.
6. In order to provide an efficient platform to work together in areas of mutual interest, the initial shared areas of co-operation under Association include Energy Security, Energy Data and Statistics, and Energy Policy Analysis. Energy Efficiency, Energy Technologies, Renewables, Electricity Security, Grid Integration and other issues of mutual interest of equal importance in

the scope of Association. For its future development, Association is open for additional issues to be included, based on mutual benefits in pursuit of common interests.

7. China, Indonesia and Thailand are the first countries to become Association countries. We jointly express our strong desire to welcome more major emerging countries to join Association in the future acknowledging that global energy challenges require global solutions. With the Activation of Association today, we jointly recognise a new era for the IEA, for Association countries and for all.

What Association provides

- Participation in the IEA Meetings

8. Association countries are able to participate in the meetings of the IEA Groups, Committees and Working Parties listed below. Details of the procedure to attend these meetings will be specified later based on this declaration.

- Standing Group on Emergency Questions (SEQ)
- Standing Group on the Oil Market (SOM)
- [Standing Group on Long-Term Co-operation](#) (SLT) and [Energy Efficiency Working Party](#) (EEWP) under this Group
- Standing Group on Global Energy Dialogue (SGD)
- Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT) and [Working Party on Energy End-Use Technologies](#) (EUWP), [Working Party on Fossil Fuels](#) (WPF), [Working Party on Renewable Energy Technologies](#) (REW) and [Fusion Power Co-ordinating Committee](#) (FPCC) under this Group

- Training and Capacity Building

9. Association countries are prioritised when the IEA provides opportunities for [training and capacity building](#) in accordance with its purpose and constraints.

- Opportunities to work as secondee at the IEA Secretariat

10. Association countries are prioritised when the IEA provides secondee positions in accordance with their purposes and constraints.

- Energy Technology Network, Implementing Agreements and others

11. Association countries are prioritised in activities carried out under the IEA's [Energy Technology Network](#), participation in Technology Implementing Agreements and special experts' events, and the provision of related publications.

- Energy Efficiency Programme

12. Association countries are prioritised in activities carried out under the IEA's Energy Efficiency Programmes and the provision of associated publications.

Association will mark a new era of enhanced collaboration in three initial shared areas

- Energy Security

13. We reaffirm our shared priority on the importance of taking common effective measures to meet oil supply emergencies by developing emergency response systems, taking into consideration the respective domestic circumstances of the Association countries.
14. We acknowledge our common intention to build and maintain emergency reserves and to collaborate with the IEA in their use at the time of emergencies, taking into consideration the respective domestic circumstances of the Association countries, including net exporters.
15. We highly value and share the intention to test the level of our preparedness to supply disruptions through the IEA's Emergency Response Exercises, Emergency Response Assessments or other means, taking into consideration the respective domestic circumstances of the Association countries, including net exporters.

- Energy Data and Statistics

16. We share the common interest in improving the consistency, coherence and timeliness of energy data at national level.
17. We highly value the role played by the IEA in global energy data and statistics and Association countries share the intention to further co-operate with the IEA in this area.

- Energy Policy Analysis

18. We share the common understanding on benefits of sharing best practices and challenges through the IEA's energy policy analysis.
19. We welcome the opportunity for such an analysis to be done for Association countries at a mutually convenient time and under agreed conditions.

Next Ministerial Meeting

20. We strongly welcome the Activation of Association at this landmark IEA Ministerial meeting held today in Paris and express our intention of deepening our collaboration and co-operation before next IEA Ministerial Meeting in 2017.

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