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The Contracting Parties

CONSIDERING that the Contracting Parties, being either governments or international organizations or parties designated by their respective governments pursuant to Article III of the Guiding Principles for Co-operation in the Field of Energy Research and Development adopted by the Governing Board of the International Agency (the "Agency") on 28th July, 1975, wish to take part in the establishment and operation of a Programme of Research and Development on Bioenergy (the "Programme") as provided in this Agreement;

CONSIDERING that the Contracting Parties which are governments and the governments of the other Contracting Parties (referred to collectively as the "Governments") participate in the Agency and have agreed in Article 41 of the Agreement on an International Energy Program (the "I.E.P. Agreement") to undertake national programmes in the areas set out in Article 42 of the I.E.P. Agreement, including energy research and development, and have referred in Chapter IV of the Long-Term Co-operation Programme, adopted by the Governing Board of the Agency on 30th January, 1976, to the establishment of a co-operative programme on biomass conversion, in which field the Programme will be carried out;

CONSIDERING that in a meeting of the Governing Board of the Agency on 28th June, 1977 the Governments approved the Programme as a special activity under Article 65 of the I.E.P. Agreement;

CONSIDERING that the Agency has recognized the establishment of the Programme as an important component of international co-operation in the field of biomass conversion research and development;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article I

OBJECTIVES

(a) *Scope of Activity.* The Programme to be carried out by the Contracting Parties within the framework of this Agreement shall consist of co-operative research, development, demonstrations and exchanges of information regarding bioenergy. Bioenergy is the production, the conversion and the use of material which is directly or indirectly produced by photosynthesis (including organic waste) to manufacture fuels and substitutes for petrochemical and other energy intensive products.

(b) *Method of Implementation.* The Contracting Parties shall implement the Programme by undertaking one or more tasks (the "Task" or "Tasks") each of which will be open to participation by two or more Contracting Parties as provided in Article 2 hereof. The Contracting Parties which participate in a particular Task are, for the purposes of that Task, referred to in this Agreement as "Participants".

(c) *Task Coordination and Co-operation.* The Contracting Parties shall co-operate in coordinating the work of the various Tasks and shall endeavour, on the basis of an appropriate sharing of burdens and benefits, to encourage co-operation among Participants engaged in the Tasks with the objective of advancing the research and development activities of all Contracting Parties in the field of bioenergy.

Article 2

IDENTIFICATION AND INITIATION OF TASKS

(a) *Identification.* The Tasks undertaken by Participants are identified in the Annexes to this Agreement. At the time of signing this Agreement, each Contracting Party shall confirm its intention to participate in one or more Tasks by giving the Executive Director of the Agency a Notice of Participation in the relevant Annex or Annexes and the Operating Agent for each Task shall give the Executive Director of the Agency a Notice of Acceptance of the Task Annex. Thereafter, each Task shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures set forth in Articles 2 to 12 hereof, unless otherwise specifically provided in the applicable Annex.

(b) *Initiation of Additional Tasks.* Additional Tasks may be initiated by any Contracting Party according to the following procedure:

- (1) A Contracting Party wishing to initiate a new Task shall present to one or more Contracting Parties for approval a draft Annex, similar in form to the Annexes attached hereto, containing a description of the scope of work and conditions of the Task proposed to be performed;
- (2) Whenever two or more Contracting Parties agree to undertake a new Task, they shall submit the draft Annex for approval by the Executive Committee pursuant to Article 3(e) hereof; the approved draft Annex shall become part of this Agreement; Notice of Participation in the Task by Contracting Parties and acceptance by the Operating Agent shall be communicated to the Executive Director in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above;
- (3) In carrying out the various Tasks, Participants shall coordinate their activities in order to avoid duplication of activities.

(c) *Application of Task Annexes.* Each Annex shall be binding only upon the Participants therein and upon the Operating Agent for that Task, and shall not affect the rights or obligations of other Contracting Parties.

Article 3

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(a) *Supervisory Control.* Control of the Programme shall be vested in the Executive Committee constituted under this Article.

(b) *Membership.* The Executive Committee shall consist of one member designated by each Contracting Party; each Contracting Party shall also designate an alternate member to serve on the Executive Committee in the event that its designated member is unable to do so.

(c) *Responsibilities.* The Executive Committee shall:

- (1) Adopt for each year, acting by unanimity, the Programme of Work and Budget, if foreseen, for each Task, together with an indicative programme of work and budget for the following two years; the Executive Committee may, as required, make adjustments within the framework of the Programme of Work and Budget;
- (2) Make such rules and regulations as may be required for the sound management of the Tasks, including financial rules as provided in Article 6 hereof;
- (3) Carry out the other functions conferred upon it by this Agreement and the Annexes hereto; and
- (4) Consider any matters submitted to it by any of the Operating Agents or by any Contracting Party.

(d) *Procedures.* The Executive Committee shall carry out its responsibilities in accordance with the following procedures:

- (1) The Executive Committee shall each year elect a Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen;
- (2) The Executive Committee may establish such subsidiary bodies and rules of procedure as are required for its proper functioning. A representative of the Agency and a representative of each Operating Agent (in its capacity as such) may attend meetings of the Executive Committee and its subsidiary bodies in an advisory capacity;
- (3) The Executive Committee shall meet in regular session twice each year; a special meeting shall be convened upon the request of any Contracting Party which can demonstrate the need therefore;
- (4) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at such time and in such location as may be designated by the Committee;
- (5) At least twenty-eight days before each meeting of the Executive Committee, notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given to each Contracting Party and to other persons or entities entitled to attend the meeting; notice need not be given to any person or entity otherwise entitled thereto if notice is waived before or after the meeting;
- (6) The quorum for the transaction of business in meetings of the Executive Committee shall be one-half of the members plus one (less any resulting fraction) provided that any action

relating to a particular Task shall require a quorum as aforesaid of members or alternate members designated by the Participants in that Task.

e) Voting.

- (1) When the Executive Committee adopts a decision or recommendation for or concerning a particular Task, the Executive Committee shall act:
 - (i) When unanimity is required under this Agreement: by agreement of those members or alternate members which were designated by the Participants in that Task and which are present and voting;
 - (ii) When no express voting provision is made in this Agreement: by majority vote of those members or alternate members which were designated by the Participants in that Task and which are present and voting.
- (2) In all other cases in which this Agreement expressly requires the Executive Committee to act by unanimity, this shall require the agreement of each member or alternate member present and voting, and in respect of all other decisions and recommendations for which no express voting provision is made in this Agreement, the Executive Committee shall act by a majority vote of the members or alternate members present and voting. If a government has designated more than one Contracting Party to this Agreement, those Contracting Parties may cast only one vote under this paragraph.
- (3) The decisions and recommendations referred to in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) above may, with the agreement of each member or alternate member entitled to act thereon, be made by mail, fax, e-mail or other electronic transmission without the necessity for calling a meeting. Such action shall be taken by unanimity or majority of such members as in a meeting. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall ensure that all members are informed of each decision or recommendation made pursuant to this sub-paragraph.

(f) Reports. The Executive Committee shall, at least annually, provide the Agency with periodic reports on the progress of the Programme.

Article 4

THE OPERATING AGENTS

(a) Designation. Participants shall designate in the relevant Annex an Operating Agent for each Task. References in this Agreement to the Operating Agent shall apply to each Operating Agent in respect of the Task for which it is responsible.

(b) Scope of Authority to Act on Behalf of Participants. Subject to the provisions of the applicable Annex:

- (1) All legal acts required to carry out each Task shall be performed on behalf of the Participants by the Operating Agent for the Task;
- (2) The Operating Agent shall hold, for the benefit of the Participants, the legal title to all property rights which may accrue to or be acquired for the Task.

The Operating Agent shall operate the Task under its supervision and responsibility, subject to this Agreement, in accordance with the law of the country of the Operating Agent.

(c) *Reimbursement of Costs.* The Executive Committee may provide that expenses and costs incurred by an Operating Agent in acting as such pursuant to this Agreement shall be reimbursed to the Operating Agent from funds made available by the Participants pursuant to Article 6 hereof.

(d) *Replacement.* Should the Executive Committee wish to replace an Operating Agent with another government or entity, the Executive Committee may, acting by unanimity and with the consent of such government or entity, replace the initial Operating Agent. References in this Agreement to the "Operating Agent" shall include any government or entity appointed to replace the original Operating Agent under this paragraph.

(e) *Resignation.* An Operating Agent shall have the right to resign at any time by giving six months written notice to that effect to the Executive Committee, provided that:

- (1) A Participant, or entity designated by a Participant, is at such time willing to assume the duties and obligations of the Operating Agent and so notifies the Executive Committee and the other Participants to that effect, in writing, not less than three months in advance of the effective date of such resignation; and
- (2) Such Participant or entity is approved by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity.

(f) *Accounting.* An Operating Agent which is replaced or which resigns as Operating Agent shall provide the Executive Committee with an accounting of any monies and other assets which it may have collected or acquired for the Task in the course of carrying out its responsibilities as Operating Agent.

(g) *Transfer of Rights.* In the event that another Operating Agent is appointed under paragraph (d) or (e) above, the Operating Agent shall transfer to such replacement Operating Agent any property rights which it may hold on behalf of the Task.

(h) *Information and Reports.* Each Operating Agent shall furnish to the Executive Committee such information concerning the Task as the Committee may request and shall each year submit, not later than two months after the end of the financial year, a report on the status of the Task.

Article 5

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

(a) *Administration of Tasks.* Each Operating Agent shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for implementing its designated Task in accordance with this Agreement, the applicable Task Annex, and the decisions of the Executive Committee.

(b) *Staff.* It shall be the responsibility of the Operating Agent to retain such staff as may be required to carry out its designated Task in accordance with rules determined by the Executive Committee. The Operating Agent may also, as required, utilize the services of personnel employed by other Participants (or organizations or other entities designated by Contracting Parties) and made available to the Operating Agent by secondment or otherwise. Such personnel shall be remunerated by their respective employers and shall, except as provided in this Article, be subject to their employers' conditions of service. The Contracting Parties shall be entitled to claim the appropriate cost of such remuneration or to receive an appropriate credit for such cost as part of the Budget of the Task, in accordance with Article 6(f)(6) hereof.

Article 6

FINANCE

(a) *Individual Obligations.* A common fund shall be established to meet such general administrative expenses incurred in connection with the Programme as the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, may agree. The size of the common fund and the apportionment of contributions from each Contracting Party shall be decided by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity. The fund will be held and operated by a Contracting Party to be designated by the Executive Committee in agreement with the Contracting Party. The fund shall be managed pursuant to rules to be established by the Executive Committee. Each Contracting Party shall bear all other costs it incurs in carrying out this Agreement, including the costs of formulating or transmitting reports and of reimbursing its employees for travel and other per diem expenses incurred in connection with work carried out on the respective Tasks, unless provision is made for such costs to be reimbursed from common funds as provided in paragraph (g) below.

(b) *Common Financial Obligations.* Participants wishing to share the costs of a particular Task shall agree in the appropriate Task Annex to do so. The apportionment of contributions to such costs (whether in the form of cash, services rendered, intellectual property or the supply of materials) and the use of such contributions shall be governed by the regulations and decisions made pursuant to this Article by the Executive Committee.

(c) *Financial Rules, Expenditure.* The Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, may make such regulations as are required for the sound financial management of each Task including, where necessary:

- (1) Establishment of budgetary and procurement procedures to be used by the Operating Agent in making payments from any common funds which may be maintained by Participants for the account of the Task or in making contracts on behalf of the Participants;
- (2) Establishment of minimum levels of expenditure for which Executive Committee approval shall be required, including expenditure involving payment of monies to the Operating Agent for other than routine salary and administrative expenses previously approved by the Executive Committee in the budget process.

In the expenditure of common funds, the Operating Agent shall take into account the necessity of ensuring a fair distribution of such expenditure in the Participants' countries, where this is fully compatible with the most efficient technical and financial management of the Task.

(d) *Crediting of Income to Budget.* Any income which accrues from a Task shall be credited to the Budget of that Task.

(e) *Accounting.* The system of accounts employed by the Operating Agent shall be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the country of the Operating Agent and consistently applied.

(f) *Programme of Work and Budget, Keeping of Accounts.* Should Participants agree to maintain common funds for the payment of obligations under a Programme of Work and Budget of the Task, the following provisions shall be applicable unless the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, decides otherwise:

- (1) The financial year of the Task shall correspond to the financial year of the Operating Agent;
- (2) The Operating Agent shall each year prepare and submit to the Executive Committee for approval a draft programme of work and budget, together with an indicative programme of

work and budget for the following two years, not later than three months before the beginning of each financial year;

- (3) The Operating Agent shall maintain complete, separate financial records which shall clearly account for all funds and property coming into the custody or possession of the Operating Agent in connection with the Task;
- (4) Not later than three months after the close of each financial year the Operating Agent shall submit to auditors selected by the Executive Committee for audit the annual accounts maintained for the Task; upon completion of the annual audit, the Operating Agent shall present the accounts together with the auditors' report to the Executive Committee for approval;
- (5) All books of account and records maintained by the Operating Agent shall be preserved for at least three years from the date of termination of the Task;
- (6) Where provided in the relevant Annex, a Participant supplying services, materials or intellectual property to the Task shall be entitled to a credit, determined by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, against its contribution (or to compensation, if the value of such services, materials or intellectual property exceeds the amount of the Participant's contribution); such credits for services of staff shall be calculated on an agreed scale approved by the Executive Committee and include all payroll-related costs.

(g) *Contribution to Common Funds.* Should Participants agree to establish common funds under the annual Programme of Work and Budget for a Task, any financial contributions due from Participants in a Task shall be paid to the Operating Agent in the currency of the country of the Operating Agent at such times and upon such other conditions as the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, shall determine, provided, however, that:

- (1) Contributions received by the Operating Agent shall be used solely in accordance with the Programme of Work and Budget for the Task;
- (2) The Operating Agent shall be under no obligation to carry out any work on the Task until contributions amounting to at least fifty per cent (in cash terms) of the total due at any one time have been received.

(h) *Ancillary Services.* Ancillary services may, as agreed between the Executive Committee and the Operating Agent, be provided by that Operating Agent for the operation of a Task and the cost of such services, including overheads connected therewith, may be met from budgeted funds of that Task.

(i) *Taxes.* The Operating Agent shall pay all taxes and similar impositions (other than taxes on income) imposed by national or local governments and incurred by it in connection with a Task, as expenditure incurred in the operation of that Task under the Budget; the Operating Agent shall, however, endeavour to obtain all possible exemptions from such taxes.

(j) *Audit.* Each Participant shall have the right, at its sole cost, to audit the accounts of any work in a Task for which common funds are maintained on the following terms:

- (1) The Operating Agent shall provide the other Participants with an opportunity to participate in such audits on a cost-shared basis;
- (2) Accounts and records relating to activities of the Operating Agent other than those conducted for the Task shall be excluded from such audit, but if the Participant concerned requires

verification of charges to the Budget representing services rendered to the Task by the Operating Agent, it may at its own cost request and obtain an audit certificate in this respect from the auditors of the Operating Agent;

- (3) Not more than one such audit shall be required in any financial year;
- (4) Any such audit shall be carried out by not more than three representatives of the Participants.

(k) *Tax free status in New Zealand.* For the period that the administering office of IEA Bioenergy (Secretariat) is domiciled in New Zealand and for the purpose of qualifying for tax exemption in New Zealand, the following shall apply.

- (1) No part of any income or other funds of IEA Bioenergy shall be available for the use of private pecuniary profit of any proprietor, member or shareholder.
- (2) In the event that IEA Bioenergy is wound up, any surplus funds are to be transferred to an equivalent tax exempt organisation which has similar aims and objectives to IEA Bioenergy.
- (3) No amendment shall be made to any rules or to the primary objective of IEA Bioenergy (Article 1(a)) which would conflict with clauses (1) and (2) above, and have the effect of compromising the tax free status of IEA Bioenergy, while its Secretariat is domiciled in New Zealand.

Article 7

INFORMATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(a) *Application to Agreement and Annexes.* Pursuant to the General Guidelines Concerning Information and Intellectual Property, adopted by the Governing Board of the Agency on 21st November, 1975, and any modification thereof, the following information and intellectual property provisions shall apply generally to this Agreement and each of its constituent Annexes. Exceptions or additions to these provisions may be made in any particular Annex, in which case they shall apply to that Annex alone.

(b) *Executive Committee's Powers.* The publication, distribution, handling, protection and ownership of information and intellectual property provided under or arising from the Programme, shall be determined by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, in conformity with this Agreement and the laws of the countries of the Contracting Parties and Operating Agent. The Contracting Parties favour the widest possible dissemination of information provided to, exchanged or arising under the Programme, subject to the need to protect proprietary information.

(c) *Copyright.* With respect to Annex activities, each Participant shall hold the copyrights for its own work, and the Operating Agent shall hold other copyrights generated under the Annex in trust for and for the benefit of the Participants in accordance with Article 4(b)2 above. With respect to common Programme activities, each Contracting Party shall hold the copyright for its own work, and the Contracting Party whose Executive Committee member serves as Chairman of the Executive Committee shall hold other copyrights generated under the Programme in trust for and for the benefit of the Contracting Parties, unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity. The Contracting Parties shall take all appropriate measures necessary to protect copyrightable material generated under this Agreement.

(d) *Inventors and Authors.* Each Contracting Party shall, without prejudice to any rights of inventors and authors under its national laws, take necessary steps to provide the cooperation with its inventors and authors required to carry out the provisions of this paragraph. Each Contracting Party will assume the

responsibility to pay awards or compensation required to be paid to its employees according to the laws of its country.

(e) *Proprietary Information.* The Operating Agent and the Contracting Parties shall take all necessary measures in accordance with this Article, the laws of their respective countries, and international law to protect proprietary information. For the purposes of this Article, proprietary information shall include information of a confidential nature such as trade secrets and know-how (for example, computer programmes, design procedures and techniques, chemical composition of materials, or manufacturing methods, processes or treatments) which:

- (1) Is not generally known or publicly available from other sources;
- (2) Has not previously been made available by the owner to others without obligation concerning its confidentiality; and
- (3) Is not already in the possession of the recipient Participants without obligation concerning its confidentiality.

It shall be the responsibility of each Contracting Party supplying proprietary information, and of the Operating Agent for arising proprietary information, to identify the information as such and to ensure that it is marked "Proprietary Information".

(f) *Production of Relevant Information by Governments.* The Operating Agent shall encourage the governments of all Agency countries to make available or to identify to the Operating Agent all published or otherwise freely available information known to them that is relevant to the Task.

(g) *Production of Available Information by Participants.* Each Participant shall, in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed upon with the Operating Agent within the scope of rules, procedures and guidelines that may be established by the Executive Committee, provide, preferably in English, to the Operating Agent all previously existing information and information developed independently of the Task which is necessary to the Task and freely at the disposal of the Participant and the transmission of which is not subject to any contractual and/or legal limitations:

- (1) If no substantial cost is incurred by the Participant in making such information available, at no charge to the Task; and
- (2) If substantial costs must be incurred by the Participant to make such information available, at such charge to the Task as shall be agreed between the Operating Agent and the Participant with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Such information shall be made available, preferably in English, in accordance with the definitions, rules and guidelines that may be established by the Executive Committee.

(h) *Use of Confidential Information.* If a Participant has access to confidential information which would be useful to the Operating Agent in conducting studies, assessments, analyses or evaluations, such information shall be communicated to the Operating Agent at no cost in accordance with an agreement between the Operating Agent and the specific Participant setting forth the terms and conditions for such acceptance; but the confidential information shall not become part of reports, handbooks or other documentation, nor be communicated to the other Participants except as may be agreed in writing between the Operating Agent and the Participant which supplied such information.

(i) *Arising Proprietary Information.* It shall be the responsibility of the Operating Agent to promptly identify information arising from its respective Annex, including computer software developed under that

Annex, which qualifies as proprietary information under this Article and to ensure that it is marked "Proprietary Information." If any Participant in the particular Task questions the decision of the Operating Agent regarding the proprietary nature of arising information, the question shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for decision. Proprietary information arising from any Task shall be owned by the Operating Agent, who shall hold it in trust for and for the benefit of the Participants in the Task.

(j) *Inventions.* For arising information regarding inventions, the following rules shall apply, except as otherwise directed with regard to any particular Annex by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity:

- (1) The Operating Agent shall promptly identify and report to the Executive Committee any arising information regarding inventions together with a recommendation of the countries in which patent applications should be filed. The Executive Committee shall, acting by unanimity of the Participants, determine whether, where and when patent applications shall be filed by the Operating Agent at the expense of the Task;
- (2) Information regarding inventions on which patent protection is to be obtained shall not be published or publicly disclosed by the Operating Agent or the Participants until a patent application has been filed, provided, however, that this restriction on publication or disclosure shall not extend beyond twelve months from the date of reporting of the invention. It shall be the responsibility of the Operating Agent to appropriately mark Task reports which disclose inventions which have not been appropriately protected by the filing of a patent application; and
- (3) Patents obtained shall be owned by the Operating Agent which shall hold the patent in trust for and for the benefit of the Participants.

(k) *Acquisition of Information.* Each Participant shall inform the Operating Agent of the existence of pre-existing information, and information developed independently of the Task, known to it that can be relevant to the Task, but which is not freely available. The Participant shall endeavour to make the information available to the Task under reasonable conditions, in which event the Executive Committee may, acting by unanimity, decide to authorize the Operating Agent to acquire, under terms and conditions stipulated by the Executive Committee, such information which the Operating Agent shall hold for the benefit of the Participants.

(l) *Exchange of Information with Others.* With regard to any particular Annex, the Executive Committee may, acting by unanimity, make arrangements for the acquisition of information from sources other than the Participants in an Annex. The Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, shall determine for any particular Annex the rules by which information available to Participants in that Annex may be made available to governments, utilities, research institutions, and other appropriate entities of countries which do not participate in that Annex.

(m) *Licensing of Arising and Pre-Existing Information.* The Operating Agent shall license acquired or arising proprietary information, including computer software, for non-exclusive use as follows:

- (1) To each Participant in the Task:
 - (i) On the most favourable terms and conditions for use by the Participant in its own country; and
 - (ii) On favourable terms and conditions for the purpose of sub-licensing others for use in its own country.

In each case, the terms and conditions shall be stipulated by the Executive Committee taking into account the equities of the Participants based upon the sharing of obligations, contributions, rights and benefits of all Participants;

- (2) Subject to sub-paragraph (1) above, to each Participant in the Task for use in all countries, on reasonable terms and conditions stipulated by the Executive Committee, taking into account the equities of the Participants based upon the sharing of obligations, contributions, rights and benefits of all Participants;
- (3) To the government of any Agency country and nationals designated by it, for use in such country in order to meet its energy needs, on terms and conditions stipulated by the Executive Committee, taking into account any equitable conditions which might arise from the support provided by the Agency to the Task; and
- (4) To entities and persons not mentioned above in this paragraph, if agreed by the Executive Committee, on terms and conditions stipulated by the Executive Committee.

Royalties, if any, under licences pursuant to this paragraph shall be credited to the Budget of the Task, or, in the event that no Budget to the Task is foreseen, shall be held by the Operating Agent in trust for and for the benefit of the Participants.

(n) *Information Use and Application.* Information transmitted by one Participant to another Participant or the Operating Agent under any Annex, shall be accurate to the best knowledge and belief of the transmitting Participant, but the transmitting Participant does not warrant the suitability of the information transmitted for any particular use or application.

(o) *Reports on Work Performed.* Each Participant and the Operating Agent shall provide reports on all work performed under the Task and the results thereof, including studies, assessments, analyses, evaluations and other documentation, but excluding proprietary information, to the other Participants. Reports summarizing the work performed and the results thereof shall be prepared by the Operating Agent and forwarded to the Executive Committee and the Agency.

(p) *Access to Information und Reports.* Participants in each Annex shall be entitled without charge to have access to, to reproduce and, in accordance with the rules determined by the Executive Committee, to distribute to nationals of its country, the information and reports produced by the Operating Agent of that Annex. The Executive Committee may lay down guidance as to the use any Participant may make of the information and, where appropriate, the charges to be imposed, and may establish guidelines to determine what constitutes a "national".

(q) *Effect of Termination or Withdrawal.* The Executive Committee shall, at the time of the termination of this Agreement or any Annex or the withdrawal of any Contracting Party, adopt appropriate measures for the subsequent application of paragraph (o) above and related questions, which shall include rules as to the use any previous Participant may make of the information and, where appropriate, the charges to be imposed.

Article 8

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE

(a) *Liability of Operating Agent.* The Operating Agent shall use all reasonable skill and care in carrying out its duties under this Agreement in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the cost of all damage to property, and all expenses associated with

claims, actions, and other costs arising from work undertaken with common funds for a Task shall be charged to the Budget of that Task; such costs and expenses arising from other work undertaken for a Task shall be charged to the Budget of that Task if the Task Annex so provides or the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, so decides.

(b) *Insurance.* The Operating Agent shall propose to the Executive Committee all necessary liability, fire and other insurance, and shall carry such insurance as the Executive Committee may direct. The cost of obtaining and maintaining insurance shall be charged to the Budget of the Task.

(c) *Indemnification of Contracting Parties.* The Operating Agent shall be liable, in its capacity as such, to indemnify Participants against the cost of any damage to property and all legal liabilities, actions, claims, costs and expenses connected therewith to the extent that they:

- (1) Result from the failure of the Operating Agent to maintain such insurance as it may be required to maintain under paragraph (b) above; or
- (2) Result from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of any officers or employees of the Operating Agent in carrying out their duties under this Agreement.

Article 9

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

(a) *Accomplishment of Formalities.* Each Participant shall request the appropriate authorities of its country (or its Member States in the case of an international organization) to use their best endeavours, within the framework of applicable legislation, to facilitate the accomplishment of formalities involved in the movement of persons, the importation of materials and equipment and the transfer of currency which shall be required to conduct the Task in which it is engaged.

(b) *Applicable Laws.* In carrying out this Agreement and its Annexes, the participation of the Contracting Parties shall be subject to the appropriation of funds by the appropriate governmental authority, where necessary, and to the constitution, laws and regulations applicable to the respective Contracting Parties, including, but not limited to, laws establishing prohibitions upon the payment of commissions, percentages, brokerage or contingent fees to persons retained to solicit governmental contracts and upon any share of such contracts accruing to governmental officials.

(c) Notwithstanding Article 7 of the IEA Framework for International Energy Technology Co-operation, adopted by the IEA Governing Board on 3 April, 2003, the Framework shall apply to, and be an integral part of, this Agreement from 13 October 2005. A copy of the Framework is attached as Exhibit A to this Implementing Agreement.

(d) *Settlement of Disputes.* Any dispute among the Contracting Parties concerning the interpretation or the application of this Agreement which is not settled by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement shall be referred to a tribunal of three arbitrators to be chosen by the Contracting Parties concerned who shall also choose the Chairman of the tribunal. Should the Contracting Parties concerned fail to agree upon the composition of the tribunal or the selection of its Chairman, the President of the International Court of Justice shall, at the request of any of the Contracting Parties concerned, exercise those responsibilities. The tribunal shall decide any such dispute by reference to the terms of this Agreement and any applicable laws and regulations, and its decision on a question of fact shall be final and binding on the Contracting Parties. Operating Agents which are not Contracting Parties shall be regarded as Contracting Parties for the purpose of this paragraph.

Article 10

ADMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF CONTRACTING PARTIES

(a) *Admission of New Contracting Parties.* Upon the invitation of the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, admission to this Agreement shall be open to:

- (1) the governments of both OECD member or OECD non-member countries;
- (2) the European Communities;
- (3) international organizations in which the governments of OECD member countries and/or OECD non-member countries participate; and
- (4) any national agency, public organization, private corporation or other entity designated by the government of an OECD member country or an OECD non-member country, or by the European Communities.

(b) *Conditions of Participation.* The Executive Committee shall establish the terms and conditions for the admission, participation and withdrawal of Contracting Parties, including their rights and obligations, subject always to the IEA Framework for International Energy Technology Co-operation.'

(c) *Admission of New Participants in Tasks.* Any Contracting Party may, with the agreement of the Participants in a Task, acting by unanimity, become a Participant in that Task. Such participation shall become effective upon the Contracting Party's giving the Executive Director of the Agency a Notice of Participation in the appropriate Task Annex and the adoption of consequential amendments thereto.

(d) *Contributions.* The Executive Committee may require, as a condition to admission to participation, that the new Contracting Party or new Participant shall contribute (in the form of cash, services or materials) an appropriate proportion of the prior budget expenditure of any Task in which it participates.

(e) *Replacement of Contracting Parties.* With the agreement of the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, and upon the request of a Government, a Contracting Party designated by that government may be replaced by another party. In the event of such replacement, the replacement party shall assume the rights and obligations of a Contracting Party as provided in paragraph (a) above and in accordance with the procedure provided therein.

(f) *Withdrawal.* Any Contracting Party may withdraw from this Agreement or from any Task either with the agreement of the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, or by giving twelve months written Notice of Withdrawal to the Executive Director of the Agency, such notice to be given not less than one year after the date hereof. The withdrawal of a Contracting Party under this paragraph shall not affect the rights and obligations of the other Contracting Parties; except that, where the other Contracting Parties have contributed to common funds for a Task, their proportionate shares in the Task Budget shall be adjusted to take account of such withdrawal.

(g) *Changes of Status of Contracting Party.* A Contracting Party other than a government or an international organization shall forthwith notify the Executive Committee of any significant change in its status or ownership, or of its becoming bankrupt or entering into liquidation. The Executive Committee shall determine whether any such change in status of a Contracting Party significantly affects the interests of the other Contracting Parties; if the Executive Committee so determines, then, unless the Executive Committee, acting upon the unanimous decision of the other Contracting Parties, otherwise agrees:

- (1) That Contracting Party shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Agreement under paragraph (f) above on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee; and
- (2) The Executive Committee shall invite the Government which designated that Contracting Party to designate, within a period of three months of the withdrawal of that Contracting Party, a different entity to become a Contracting Party; if approved by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, such entity shall become a Contracting Party with effect from the date on which it signs or accedes to this Agreement and gives the Executive Director of the Agency a Notice of Participation in one or more Annexes.

(h) *Failure to Fulfil Contractual Obligations.* Any Contracting Party which fails to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement within sixty days after its receipt of notice specifying the nature of such failure and invoking this paragraph, may be deemed by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, to have withdrawn from this Agreement.

Article 11

SPONSORS

(a) The Executive Committee may in exceptional cases and with the approval of the Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT) of the Agency invite any entity of an OECD member or non-member country that is not designated by that country to participate in the Agreement, or any non-intergovernmental international entity in which one or more entities of OECD member or non-member countries participate, to participate in the Programme as "Sponsors" in accordance with the following paragraphs:

- (1) The Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, shall submit to the CERT for approval a proposal with regard to the terms and conditions (including duration) of participation of a Sponsor, on an equitable basis in relation to the sharing of obligations, contributions, rights and benefits. Such a proposal may provide for the Sponsor to exercise the rights and undertake the duties of a Contracting Party on such matters as representation on the Executive Committee and other bodies or in workshops established under the Programme, financial contributions, staff secondment, intellectual property, voting arrangements, sharing in the liquidation of assets, termination, and withdrawal. The proposal shall lay down which provisions of this Agreement referring to "Contracting Party" or "Contracting Parties" would also apply to the Sponsor. The CERT may expressly condition its approval, in which case the Executive Committee shall either adopt such conditions, acting by unanimity, or elect not to invite that entity as a Sponsor. Any amendment to the approved terms and conditions shall be subject to the same approval procedures.
- (2) The terms and conditions (including duration) of participation of a Sponsor, or any amendment thereto, shall enter into force upon (i) the adoption by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, (ii) approval by the CERT, and (iii) acceptance by the Sponsor, in a letter addressed to the Executive Director of the Agency.
- (3) In the event that the Executive Committee amends the Agreement so as to impose additional obligations on Contracting Parties or Participants, the Executive Committee shall decide, acting by unanimity, whether, or to what extent, such additional obligations shall be imposed upon the Sponsor. In such cases the Sponsor shall notify the Executive Committee of its acceptance of the amendments within three months or such other period as may be fixed by the Executive Committee, failing which it shall be deemed to have withdrawn from participation in the Agreement.

Article 12

FINAL PROVISIONS

(a) *Term of Agreement.* This Agreement shall remain in force until 31st December 2009. It has been periodically extended and may be extended for such additional periods as may be determined by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, with approval of the Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT) of the Agency. The Executive Committee may, acting by unanimity, terminate this Agreement at any time.

(b) *Legal Relationship of Contracting Parties and Participants.* Nothing in this Agreement shall be regarded as constituting a partnership between any of the Contracting Parties or Participants.

(c) *Termination.* Upon termination of this Agreement, or any Annex to this Agreement, the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, shall arrange for the liquidation of the assets of the Task or Tasks. In the event of such liquidation, the Executive Committee shall, so far as practicable, distribute the assets of the Task, or the proceeds therefrom, in proportion to the contributions which the Participants have made from the beginning of the operation of the Task, and for that purpose shall take into account the contributions and any outstanding obligations of former Contracting Parties. Disputes with a former Contracting Party about the proportion allocated to it under this paragraph shall be settled under Article 9(d) hereof, for which purpose a former Contracting Party shall be regarded as a Contracting Party.

(d) *Amendment.* This Agreement may be amended at any time by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity, and any Annex to this Agreement may be amended at any time by the Executive Committee, acting by unanimity of the Participants in the Task to which the Annex refers. Such amendments shall come into force in a manner determined by the Executive Committee, acting under the voting rule applicable to the decision to adopt the amendment.

(e) *Deposit.* The original of this Agreement shall be deposited with the Executive Director of the Agency and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to each Contracting Party. A copy of this Agreement shall be furnished to each Agency Participating Country, to each Member country of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and to the European Communities.

Done in Tokyo, this 13th day of April, 1978.* **

* Originally signed as the IEA Implementing Agreement for a Programme of Research, Development and Demonstration on Forestry Energy. On 1st January, 1986 the name of this Agreement was changed to IEA Implementing Agreement for a Programme of Research, Development and Demonstration on Bioenergy.

** The present text has been updated to incorporate all amendments to 13 October 2005.

LIST OF CONTRACTING PARTIES
(as of 13 October 2005)

STEPHEN SCHUCK AND ASSOCIATES PTY. LTD.
(designated by the Government of Australia)

The REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

The GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM

The NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY
for and on behalf of the Federative Republic of Brazil

The DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (Canada)
(succeeded by the CANADIAN FORESTRY SERVICE,
later succeeded by NATURAL RESOURCES CANADA)

The EUROPEAN COMMISSION
for and on behalf of the European Community

The ENERGY INSTITUTE HRVOJE POŽAR
(designated by the Government of the Republic of Croatia)

The MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
for and on behalf of the Government of Denmark
(succeeded by the MINISTRY OF ENERGY,
later succeeded by the MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY, DANISH ENERGY AGENCY,
later succeeded by the MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, DANISH ENERGY AUTHORITY
later succeeded by the Ministry of Transport and Energy, Danish Energy Authority)

The FINNISH FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(designated by the Government of Finland)
(succeeded by the MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
later succeeded by the TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (TEKES),
which later changed its name to the NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AGENCY OF FINLAND (TEKES),
which later changed its name to TEKES, Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation)

L'AGENCE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT ET DE LA MAITRISE DE L'ENERGIE (ADEME)
(designated by the Government of France)

The FEDERAL MINISTRY OF CONSUMER PROTECTION,
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
for and on behalf of the Government of Germany

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IRELAND
(designated by the Government of Ireland)

The NEW ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (NEDO)
(designated by the Government of Japan)
(which later changed its name to the NEW ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
ORGANISATION (NEDO))

The NETHERLANDS AGENCY FOR ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (NOVEM)
(designated by the Government of the Netherlands)
(which later changed its name to SENTERNOVEM following its merger with Senter)

The FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(designated by the Government of New Zealand)
(which later changed its name to the NEW ZEALAND FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE LIMITED)

The ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY
for and on behalf of the Government of Norway
(which later changed its name to the ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY,
later succeeded by THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NORWAY)

The DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY
for and on behalf of the Republic of South Africa

The NATIONAL SWEDISH BOARD FOR ENERGY SOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(designated by the Government of Sweden)
(succeeded by the NATIONAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION,
later succeeded by the SWEDISH NATIONAL BOARD FOR INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT
(NUTEK), which later changed its name to the SWEDISH ENERGY AGENCY)

The SWISS FEDERAL OFFICE OF ENERGY
for and on behalf of the Government of Switzerland

The UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY¹
(designated by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
later replaced by the DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY)

The DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
for and on behalf of the Government of the United States of America
(succeeded by the GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
then again by the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY)

¹ The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority later withdrew from the Forestry Agreement but subsequently signed the Bioenergy Agreement on 6th May 1987.

CONTRACTING PARTIES SINCE WITHDRAWN

The GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND

The COMITATO NAZIONALE PER LA RICERCA E ET PER LO SVILUPPO DELL ENERGIA NUCLEARE E DELLE ENERGIE ALTERNATIVE (ENEA)¹
(designated by the Government of Italy)
(which later changed its name to the ENTE PER LE NUOVE TECNOLOGIE, L'ENERGIA E L'AMBIENTE (ENEA))

¹ Italy was deemed withdrawn as of 14 December 2006.

EXHIBIT A

IEA FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CO-OPERATION

I. General Principles

Article 1

Mandate

- 1.1 In fulfilment of Chapter VII of the Agreement on an International Energy Program and in light of the Shared Goals of the IEA, the IEA operates Implementing Agreements to enable IEA Member countries to carry out programmes and projects on energy technology research, development and deployment.
- 1.2 An Implementing Agreement is a contractual relationship established by at least two IEA Member countries, and approved by the Governing Board, for the purpose set out in Article 1.1.
- 1.3 Participants in an Implementing Agreement shall contribute as fully as possible to the achievement of its objectives and shall endeavour to secure, through public and private support, the necessary scientific, technical and financial resources for the programmes and projects carried out under such an Implementing Agreement.
- 1.4 Each Implementing Agreement shall have an Executive Committee composed of representatives of all participants.

Article 2

Nature of Implementing Agreements

- 2.1 The activities of an Implementing Agreement may include, *inter alia*:
 - (a) coordination and planning of specific energy technology research, development and deployment studies, works or experiments carried out at a national or international level, with subsequent exchange, joint evaluation and pooling of the scientific and technical results acquired through such activities;
 - (b) participation in the operation of special research or pilot facilities and equipment provided by a participant, or the joint design, construction and operation of such facilities and equipment;
 - (c) exchange of information on (i) national programmes and policies, (ii) scientific and technological developments and (iii) energy legislation, regulations and practices;
 - (d) exchanges of scientists, technicians or other experts;
 - (e) joint development of energy related technologies; and
 - (f) any other energy technology related activity.

- 2.2 Participation in an Implementing Agreement shall be based on equitable sharing of obligations, contributions, rights and benefits. Participants in an Implementing Agreement shall undertake to make constructive contributions, whether technical, financial or otherwise, as may be agreed by the Executive Committee.
- 2.3 Some or all of the participants in an Implementing Agreement may choose to execute specific projects and/or programmes through Annexes to the Implementing Agreement.

II. Rules Applicable to IEA Implementing Agreements

Article 3

Participation, Admission and Withdrawal

- 3.1 An Implementing Agreement can be established by two or more IEA Member countries subject to approval of the Committee on Energy Research and Technology (CERT) and of the Governing Board. There are two possible categories of participants in Implementing Agreements: Contracting Parties and Sponsors.
- 3.2 Contracting Parties may be
- (a) the governments of both OECD member or OECD non-member countries;
 - (b) the European Communities;
 - (c) international organisations in which the governments of OECD member countries and/or OECD non-member countries participate; and
 - (d) any national agency, public organisation, private corporation or other entity designated by the government of an OECD member country or an OECD non-member country, or by the European Communities.
- 3.2.1 Participation in any Implementing Agreement for OECD non-member countries or for international organisations requires prior approval by the CERT. However, should the CERT consider a first time application by an OECD non-member country or an international organisation to be sensitive, it may refer the decision to the Governing Board as it deems appropriate.
- 3.2.2 Prior to CERT approval of participation of OECD non-member countries or international organisations in any Implementing Agreement, the Executive Committee shall:
- (a) have voted in favour of the applicant to join the Implementing Agreement and provide evidence of the same to the CERT;
 - (b) provide the CERT with a copy of the terms and conditions of the applicant's participation in the Implementing Agreement; and
 - (c) provide the CERT with a letter from the applicant expressing the applicant's desire to join the Implementing Agreement and specifying which Annexes it wishes to join; its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Implementing Agreement; the name of

its designated entity if it is not the applicant itself; and the name of the entity that will sign the Implementing Agreement.

3.2.3 The terms and conditions for the admission, participation and withdrawal of Contracting Parties, including their rights and obligations, in Implementing Agreements and their Annexes, if any, shall be established by the Executive Committee of each Implementing Agreement.

3.2.4 Notwithstanding Article 3.2.3, no Contracting Party from an OECD non-member country or international organisation shall have greater rights or benefits than Contracting Parties from OECD member countries.

3.3 Sponsors may be

- (a) entities of OECD member countries or OECD non-member countries who are not designated by the governments of their respective countries to participate in a particular Implementing Agreement; and
- (b) non-intergovernmental international entities in which one or more entities of OECD member countries or OECD non-member countries participate.

3.3.1 Participation of Sponsors in Implementing Agreements requires prior approval by the CERT.

3.3.2 Prior to CERT approval of Sponsor participation in any Implementing Agreement, the Executive Committee shall:

- (a) have voted in favour of the applicant to join the Implementing Agreement and provide evidence of the same to the CERT;
- (b) provide the CERT with a copy of the terms and conditions of the applicant's participation in the Implementing Agreement; and
- (c) provide the CERT with a letter from the applicant expressing the applicant's desire to join the Implementing Agreement and specifying which Annexes it wishes to join; its acceptance of the terms and conditions of the Implementing Agreement; and the name of the entity that will sign the Implementing Agreement.

3.3.3 The terms and conditions for the admission, participation and withdrawal of Sponsors, including rights and obligations, in Implementing Agreements and their Annexes, if any, shall be established by the Executive Committee of each Implementing Agreement.

3.3.4 Notwithstanding Article 3.3.3, no Sponsor shall have greater rights or benefits than Contracting Parties from OECD non-member countries and no Sponsor shall be designated Chair or Vice-chair of an Implementing Agreement.

3.3.5 The CERT shall have the right to not approve participation of a Sponsor if the terms and conditions of such participation do not comply with this Framework, any Decisions of the CERT or the Governing Board and the Shared Goals of the IEA.

Article 4

Specific Provisions

- 4.1 Unless the CERT otherwise agrees, based on exceptional circumstance and sufficient justification, Implementing Agreements shall be for an initial term of up to, but no more than, five years.
- 4.2 An Implementing Agreement may be extended for such additional periods as may be determined by its Executive Committee, subject to approval of the CERT. Any single extension period shall not be greater than five years unless the CERT otherwise decides, based on exceptional circumstances and sufficient justification.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding Paragraph 4.2, should the duration of the programme of work of an Annex exceed the term of the Implementing Agreement to which it relates, the CERT shall not unreasonably withhold approval to extend the Implementing Agreement for such additional period to permit the conclusion of the work then being conducted under the Annex.
- 4.4 Either the Contracting Parties or the Executive Committee of each Implementing Agreement shall:
 - 4.4.1 approve the programme activities and the annual programme of work and budget for the relevant Implementing Agreement;
 - 4.4.2 establish the terms of the contribution for scientific and technical information, know-how and studies, manpower, capital investment or other forms of financing to be provided by each participant in the Implementing Agreement;
 - 4.4.3 establish the necessary provisions on information and intellectual property and ensure the protection of IEA copyrights, logos and other intellectual property rights as established by the IEA;
 - 4.4.4 assign the responsibility for the operational management of the programme or project to an entity accountable to the Executive Committee of the relevant Implementing Agreement;
 - 4.4.5 establish the initial term of the Implementing Agreement and its Annexes;
 - 4.4.6 approve amendments to the text of the Implementing Agreement and Annexes; and
 - 4.4.7 invite a representative of the IEA Secretariat to its Executive Committee meetings in an advisory capacity and, sufficiently in advance of the meeting, provide the Secretariat with all documentation made available to the Executive Committee members for purposes of the meeting.

Article 5

Copyright

- 5.1 Notwithstanding the use of the IEA name in the title of Implementing Agreements, the Implementing Agreements, the Executive Committee or the entity responsible for the operational management of the programme or project may use the name, acronym and emblem of the IEA as notified to the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) only upon prior written authorisation of the IEA and solely for the purposes of executing the Implementing Agreements.

- 5.2 The IEA shall retain the copyright to all IEA deliverables and published or unpublished IEA material. Implementing Agreements wishing to use, copy or print such IEA deliverables and/or material shall submit a prior written request of authorisation to the IEA.

Article 6

Reports to the IEA

- 6.1 Each Executive Committee shall submit to the IEA:
- 6.1.1 as soon as such events occur, notifications of any admissions and withdrawals of Contracting Parties and Sponsors, any changes in the names or status of Contracting Parties or Sponsors, any changes in the Members of the Executive Committee or of the entity responsible for the operational management of the programme or project, or any amendments to an Implementing Agreement and Annex thereto;
 - 6.1.2 annual reports on the progress of programmes and projects of the Implementing Agreement and any Annex;
 - 6.1.3 notwithstanding Article 6.1.1, in addition to and with the Annual Report, annually provide the IEA with the following information:
 - (a) the names and contact details of all current Contracting Parties and Sponsors;
 - (b) the names and contact details of all Contracting Parties and Sponsors who may have withdrawn from the Implementing Agreement or any Annex in the year covered by the Annual Report;
 - (c) the names and contact details of all new Contracting Parties and Sponsors who may have joined the Implementing Agreement or any Annex in the year covered by the Annual Report;
 - (d) any changes in the names or status of any Contracting Parties or Sponsors;
 - (e) the names and contact details of the Executive Committee members and the entity responsible for the operational management of the programme or project; and
 - (f) any amendments to the text of an Implementing Agreement and any Annex thereto.
 - 6.1.4 End of Term Reports, which shall include all the information and documentation required by Decisions of the CERT then in effect and relating thereto; and
 - 6.1.5 at the request of the IEA, any other non-proprietary information as may be requested by the IEA in connection with the IEA's mandate.

Article 7

Effective Date

This Framework shall take effect and become binding on all participants in the Implementing Agreements and Annexes from the date of its approval as a decision by the Governing Board.