

**STATEMENT AT THE FOUNDING CONFERENCE
OF IRENA**

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Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,

Please allow me, first of all, to congratulate, on behalf of the Albanian Government the Federal Republic of Germany, as well as the Kingdom of Spain and Denmark for this initiative, related to the foundation of International Renewable Energy Agency.

The Albanian government considers as of great importance the establishment of the Agency, which, all of us strongly believe, will serve to all the interested countries as a new and qualified partner, capable and reliable to provide advice and professional expertise in the field of the distribution of renewable energy, throughout the world.

Albania expresses its belief that the Initiative for the establishment of this Agency comes at a critical moment for the energy situation in the world and at a time when all the governments, including the Albanian government as well, are seeking alternative forms to reduce the energy crises aiming the improvement of the situation and setting up favorable conditions for the development and the economic and humanitarian prosperity of their countries and peoples. The establishment of this Agency will foster the international cooperation in the field of renewable energy, by establishing a sustainable and effective network, by collecting the best experiences in this field, compilation of projects that reduce the crises and the provision of further contribution towards the maintenance and the protection of the environment. I feel encouraged by the fact that this Agency will further promote, all over the world, the implementation of new technologies in the field of the renewable energy resources, by enabling at the same time, their better management. I fully believe that this International Agency, active and effective, will give hope to mankind for continuous energy supply as well.

On this occasion, please allow me Excellency, to express the readiness of the delegation of the Republic of Albania to closely cooperate with You for the successful establishment of this Commission as the initial stage of the Agency.

In conclusion, I would like to express the readiness of the Albanian Government to join the IRENA as soon as the internal procedures will be completed.

Thank you for your attention.