

Statement by the Algerian delegation

Mister chairman,
Honorable participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of my government, I would like to express to the government of Germany our sincere thanks for hosting this establishment conference and indeed for providing us the best conditions as to ensure the full success of our deliberations.

We fully appreciate the willingness and strong determination of all members to set up the IRENA, a much-needed international body, to deal with sensitive and common issues related to the protection of environment of our unique planet.

This Conference is most and foremost a common achievement that rewards the outstanding efforts made by the international community to address, in a very effective manner, the tremendous challenges facing our global environment within the framework of a genuine cooperation and partnership.

Mister Chairman,

Although my country has not been associated to the process of negotiating which started two years ago and which culminated in the drafting of the Statute of IRENA, my Government, after due assessment, took the decision to sign the latter and be a founding member.

Indeed, we do regret that we were not invited to take part in the preparatory works. But nevertheless, we would like to stress our strong commitment to be an active member of the agency and in that connection to spare no efforts in the discharge of our shared responsibilities in attaining and implementing the tasks assigned to our international body.

As we may be aware, my country is endowed with a very high potential in renewable energy resources, in particular the solar energy with an estimated 3000 hours by year, the most important capacity in the Mediterranean basin.

A legal framework to promote renewable energy is already into force and Algeria committed itself to do its share in the field of environment protection.

Moreover, a national scheme to enlarge the use of renewable energy is into force. The final target is to ensure that by the year 2050 the share of renewable energy be at least 25% of the domestic consumption.

In that context, my country is also developing the use of natural gas, which offers the best condition to fight global warming.

In our common quest to reach the paramount objectives of the agency, I would like to highlight the need to promote a full fledged process of consultation, of coordination and of common action, whatever the level of technological development of each member.

In that understanding, our common objective is to facilitate and promote further the transfer of technologies to the benefit of less developed countries and grant them more expertise and assistance so as they can meet their national and international needs, this through a new active partnership and indeed on equal footing.

Thank very much for your kind attention.