
Workshop II

IRENA`s Statutes and Finance

Summary and Preliminary Conclusions

Membership

- **Discussion on initial members vs. open signing period**
- **Discussion on procedures for new members – decision of Assembly needed?**
- **Suggestion to broaden the definition of non-state members (regional intergovernmental economic integration organisations)**
- **Question on broader observer status (States, private entities)**
- **Suggestion on speedier process for new observers**

Organs

- **Consensus on the basic organisation structure**
- **Clearer distinction needed between main organs and subsidiary organs**

Assembly

- **Suggestion to foresee special sessions**
- **Question on costs of delegates participation to be clarified**
- **Proposal on rotating sessions of Assembly**

Council

- **Consensus on flexible size, from 11 to 21 members**
- **Discussion on geographic distribution of members**
- **Question on rotating membership vs. election**
- **Suggestion on overlapping terms – need for continuity**
- **Suggestion on higher frequency of meetings**

Secretariat

- **Review recruiting criteria**
- **Reports to the Council**
(which reports then to the Assembly)
- **Discussion on Secretariat's role in communicating/
corresponding to members and others**

Further articles

- **Review wording extent of privileges and immunities**
- **Review cancellation of membership procedure**
- **No option of reservation by Member States**
- **Strengthen the role of the Assembly in the dispute settlement process**
- **Sustainability of supply rather than security of supply**

Financial scale

- **Need for a regular budget to ensure effective operation of the Agency**
- **General support for UN scale of assessment for the regular budget**
- **Need for scope for voluntary contributions to the budget (initial phase / operational)**

Financial scale (ctd)

- **Some drafting suggestions for Art. XII**
- **Decisions on the budget and the size of the budget should be based on a bottom up procedure**
- **Consider different levels of development**

Interim structure

- **Consensus on quick start of IRENA with a group of like-minded countries**
- **Discussion of provisional application**
 - **Necessary to use the momentum**
 - **More efficient to continue with provisional structures**
- **Discussion to shorten time frame of interim structure: small number of ratifications ?**

Interim structure (ctd)

- **Pace, but thoroughness**
 - **Clarification on national legal preconditions needed**
 - **Further elaboration of possible approaches needed**
 - **Transparent process on selection of IRENA's seat**