

IRENA SECRETARIAT

NOTE ON MEMBERSHIP FOR SIGNATORIES – RATIFICATION

According to the IRENA Statute, Article VI, membership in IRENA is open to:

- States that are members of the United Nations ('States');
- Regional intergovernmental economic integration organisations ('regional organisations') that are constituted by sovereign States, at least one of which is a Member of the Agency, and to which its Member States have transferred competence in at least one of the matters within the purview of the Agency.

The Statute was open for signature until 8 July 2010, the date of its entry into force. The word "Signatories" as used in this Note refers to States that signed the Statute before 8 July 2010 but have not yet completed the requirements for becoming Members of the Agency.

Please refer to www.irena.org for a list of Signatories.

1. In order to become a Member, a Signatory is required under Article VI (B) (1) of the Statute to deposit an instrument of ratification. Article XIX (C) of the Statute specifies that the instrument of ratification is to be deposited with the Depositary of the Statute. The Depositary is the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany. Ratification of the Statute is effected by States in accordance with their respective constitutional processes.
2. The instrument of ratification should be routed through the Signatory's Embassy in the capital of Germany (Berlin) or through the Signatory's Embassy in another State where the Head of the diplomatic mission is also accredited to Germany.
3. For Signatories that deposit an instrument of ratification, the Statute shall enter into force, and the Signatory becomes a Member of IRENA, on the thirtieth day after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, in accordance with Article XIX (E) of the Statute.

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States may wish to consider the 'Agreement on Privileges and Immunities for IRENA' concurrently with their respective constitutional process of ratification of the 'Statute of IRENA'. The IRENA Secretariat (secretariat@irena.org) may be contacted for further information on the matter.