

**LETTER OF INTENT**

**between**

**THE IBERO-AMERICAN GENERAL SECRETARIAT (SEGIB),**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EASTERN REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY**

**and**

**THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION  
(UNIDO)**

**Considering:**

- A That the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), represented by its Secretary General, Mr. Enrique V. Iglesias, is the organ in charge of providing institutional, technical and administrative support to the Ibero-american Conference, which was created with the objective of strengthen regional cooperation through activities such as the development of renewable energy for productive uses to promote the region's sustainable human development;
- B That the Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay (hereinafter "the Government"), through the Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining, Mr. Jorge Lepra, has expressed great interest in the development of renewable energy for productive uses in the framework of a regionally integrated energy policy;
- C That the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), represented by its Director-General, Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella, is the United Nations specialized agency charged with promoting industrial development;
- D One of UNIDO's service modules addresses sustainable energy and climate change as a vehicle for industrial development,
- E The General Conference of UNIDO (Vienna, 28 November – 2 December 2005), called for the necessary measures to establish a Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean with a view to its implementation in the biennium 2006-2007;
- F That the Millennium Development Goals have committed the international community to orient efforts towards poverty alleviation, and that the development of renewable energy for productive uses is a valuable tool for that purpose.

## **Article 1**

- 1.1 The Government and the SEGIB, who are organizing a two-day Ministerial Meeting for Latin American and Caribbean Countries on renewable energy for productive uses, to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 25-29 September 2006 (pending confirmation), have requested UNIDO's technical assistance for that purpose.
- 1.2 The three parties subscribing to this Letter of Intent agree to the following objectives of the Ministerial Meeting:
  - (a) To facilitate in-depth discussions on the present and future of the energy sector, at the regional and global level, emphasizing renewable energy;
  - (b) To analyze the different experiences in the region in the area of the regulatory and policy framework to promote renewable energy for productive uses;
  - (c) To analyze the current situation of different technologies in the field of the renewable energy for productive uses, determining barriers and opportunities;
  - (d) To identify and promote financial mechanisms at the international level;
  - (e) To approve a *Ministerial Declaration* oriented at the development of sustainable energy within the region and a *Regional Programme of Renewable Energy for Productive Uses*;
  - (f) To exhibit and demonstrate state-of-the-art renewable energy technologies during a *Technology Exhibition*, with the private sector in attendance.

## **Article 2**

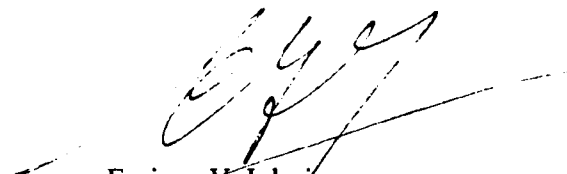
- 2.1 The Government will assume the organizational, logistical and financial aspects of the Ministerial Meeting, which will take place at the Technological Laboratory of Uruguay (LATU), which has the infrastructure needed for such an event.
- 2.2 UNIDO will contribute its technical assistance to the Ministerial Meeting through the preparation of specialized papers to be used as the basis of the discussions at four thematic Round Tables. The participation of national and international experts will also be facilitated by UNIDO.
- 2.3 SEGIB will address efforts to make possible the participation of high-level personalities from the public and private sectors of the region.
- 2.4 The three parties will promote the participation of regional enterprises from the energy sector at the Technological Exhibition, which will be held at the LATU premises.

## **Article 3**

- 3.1 In order to implement this Letter of Intent, a Preparatory Committee will be created, comprising representatives from the three parties, to be appointed within 30 days of signature of this Letter of Intent.

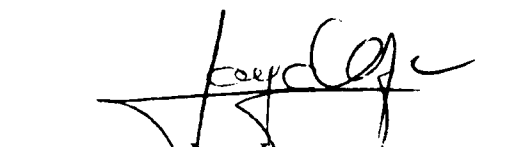
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, acting through their respective representatives, being duly authorized, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names at Madrid, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006 in two copies each in the English and Spanish languages. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the  
Ibero-American General Secretariat:



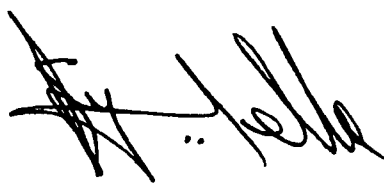
Enrique V. Iglesias  
Secretary General

For the  
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Jorge Lepra  
Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining

For the  
United Nations Industrial Development Organization:



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