

France has ratified the statute of the Irena

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Abu Dhabi: France has ratified the statute of Abu Dhabi-based International Renewable Energy Agency (Irena), said a statement issued by France yesterday.

France deposited its instrument of ratification with the German Embassy in Paris. Germany is the designated depositary of the statute. According to the provisions set out in Article XIX of the statute, the instrument shall enter into force on the 30th day after the date of deposit. In France's case, it will be on April 1, 2011.

Full member

France will therefore be able to participate as a full member at the first session of the Irena Assembly, to take place in Abu Dhabi on April 4 and 5. It will therefore contribute to all decisions taken at the meeting, particularly those regarding the linguistic arrangements, the work programme, budget, appointment of the Director-General and the confirmation of the headquarters in Abu Dhabi.

This ratification confirms France's commitment to Irena and to its aims to allow global development of renewable energy sources and thus meet the challenges related to the security of energy supply and universal access to clean energy. Irena will also promote the fight against climate change through the spread of renewable energy production technologies which emit low levels of greenhouse gas and help the most underdeveloped countries to draw up national renewable energy development strategies.

Irena was founded in Bonn in January 2009 by 75 States, including France.