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Formation of the

Group of Renewable and Efficient Energy Nations

(GREEN Nations)

Considering

- the importance of Sustainable Development;
- the importance of international agenda setting as a crucial factor for global awareness about the central challenges of world development;
- the lack of consensus about Renewable Energy in the World Summit on Sustainable
 Development process
- the role of Renewable Energy as the key element of Sustainable Development strategies and as the "Agenda 1" of the "Agenda 21" as it is considered in the "Action Plan for the Proliferation of Renewable Energy" of the World Council for Renewable Energy (WCRE)

Recognising

 that the ongoing process of international conferences on environment and development since Rio 1992 served as alibis delaying or even postponing concrete action at national level.

- that the consensus approach of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg 2002 will not create the necessary effective instruments for reaching the state of Sustainable World Development
- that no unifying governmental organisation exists to strengthen and integrate existing and future strategies to globally expand the use of Renewable Energy as long there is no International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) established.

<u>Therefore</u>, the World Council for Renewable Energy invites the Nations of the World to join in founding the voluntary

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- that take the lead among all nations in pursuing Renewable Energy as a basic Strategy of Sustainable Development;
- that are committed to the common goal of globally proliferating Renewable Energy and to the principle that each nation must be free to use different national strategies and instruments to achieve it
- that will give themselves in its founding session common principles and procedures
- that comes into existence as soon as two or more nations commit themselves to the GREEN Nations
- that is facilitated by the World Council for Renewable Energy