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**Topic:** The Promotion of New and Renewable Energy Sources

*The General Assembly Plenary,*

1 *Respecting* each Member State's sovereign right, dictated under Section II of the United Nations Charter, to develop  
2 national renewable energy resources and programs, including but not limited to, biofuel, nuclear, solar, and  
3 hydropower, liquid natural gas (LNG),  
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5 *Recalling* the Secretary General's Sustainable Energy for All Initiative (SE4ALL), which highlights the relationship  
6 between development and energy access,  
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8 *Recalling* existing sources of funding for renewable and new energy infrastructure and production projects, such as  
9 the World Bank Climate Investment Fund and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Renewable  
10 Energy and Finance Unit,  
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12 *Realizing* the differences in resources, infrastructure, and economic capacity of each Member State in implementing  
13 developing regional or national energy plans,  
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15 *Recognizing* the existence of underutilized resources and lack of infrastructure and protocol resulting in high costs of  
16 bringing energy to the market,  
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18 *Acknowledging* the work of the United Nations Development Operation Coordination Office's (DOCO) efforts to  
19 fulfill the goals of the UNDG through creating assessments and goals for members of the UNDP to follow,  
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21 *Stressing* the importance of secure energy access and the protection of energy infrastructure, particularly in times of  
22 armed conflict and natural disaster,  
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24 *Acknowledging* the possibility for exploitation of regional resource dependency by private or public sectors,  
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26 *Noting* the success of existing regional economic cooperatives and unions, such as the Bolivarian Alliance for the  
27 People of Our America (ALBA) in promoting regional cooperation and economic integration,  
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29 *Acknowledging* that the World Bank estimates a 10 percent increase in a state's infrastructure assets directly  
30 increases GDP by up to 1 percentage point,  
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32 *Noting Further* the New Development Bank, previously referred to as the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China,  
33 South Africa) development bank, in providing resources to a multitude of infrastructure and economic projects,  
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35 *Emphasizing* the findings of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
36 (IPCC), which outlines the detrimental effects of anthropogenic climate change,  
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38 *Emphasizing* the potential of research agencies, such as International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to  
39 provide guidance relating to infrastructure improvements,  
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41 *Recognizing* the work of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) such as Building Energy Efficiency Funding  
42 Schemes and Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership in cooperation with IRENA on energy audits  
43 which highlight areas for policy and structural improvement,  
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45 *Recalling* existing regional development organizations, such as United Nations Development Group (UNDG) as  
46 well as its Country Teams (UNCT), Regional Country Teams, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Regional  
47 Commission,  
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49 *Recognizing* the importance of regional trade partnerships to enable the investment in sustainable energy options,  
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- 51 1. *Strongly Advocates* for the regional adoption of Renewable Extractive Infrastructure Cooperative Protocols  
52 (REICPs), modeled on already existing economic cooperative agreements, such as ALBA, and the China-Africa  
53 Development Fund, that would broadly outline fair terms and conditions for promoting effective international  
54 and regional cooperation by funding and constructing important infrastructure and resource exploration  
55 projects;  
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- 57 2. *Advocates for* the appointment of an IRENA REICP working group to be formed on a temporary basis to write  
58 the model REIC protocol for adoption by regional groups;  
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- 60 3. *Implores* existing regional associations to take advantage of shared sub-regional underutilized resources by  
61 adopting REIC protocol to plan shared infrastructure projects with the aim of reducing costs of bringing energy  
62 to the market;  
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- 64 4. *Recommends* that the REICP working group specify that the purpose of REICPs is to encourage the cooperative  
65 implementation of regional multi-lateral frameworks for the cooperative construction of important regional  
66 infrastructure projects;  
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- 68 5. *Encourages* the REICP working group to specify the terms of creation—or the utilization of existing—regional  
69 direct democratic governance structures that would allow for fair terms of cooperation on interstate  
70 infrastructure projects;  
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- 72 6. *Recommends* the REICP working group to include the following conditions for membership in the model REIC  
73 protocol for adaptation by individual regional groups:  
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- 75 a. regional affiliation between potential REIC member states,  
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77 b. sufficient domestic economic capacity to cope with commodity market volatility,  
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79 c. agreement with the democratic governance processes described in the model REIC protocol,  
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81 d. potential economic value to existing member states;  
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- 83 7. *Recommends* that the REICP working group specify that regional REIC member states collaboratively decide  
84 the sharing of profit enabled and/or created by regional REIC infrastructure based on member state profit earned  
85 from REIC infrastructure;  
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- 87 8. *Strongly recommends* the REICP working group specify that each regional REIC choose a trusted third-party  
88 financial institution with whom to partner, this financial partner will:  
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- 90 a. hold the reserve fund,  
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92 b. serve as a financing partner for the regional REIC for low-risk infrastructure projects of mutual benefit to  
93 regional REIC member states;  
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- 95 9. *Recommends* that the REICP working group specify that REIC member states contribute a commonly-agreed  
96 upon portion of profits enabled and/or created by regional REIC infrastructure be placed in a reserve account in  
97 the regional REIC's partner financial institution to facilitate an effective and prompt response to calamities  
98 affecting REIC infrastructure;  
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- 100 10. *Implores* the REICP working group include in the model protocol a strong recommendation for regional REIC  
101 member states to index debt load to commodity prices in order to save member states from falling into crisis if  
102 dollar prices of energy exports fall below the interest rate on debt maintenance;  
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- 104 11. *Implores* the REICP working group to specify that regional REIC member states commit to reinvesting a  
105 commonly-agreed upon portion of each state's profit from REIC infrastructure into regional renewable energy  
106 research and construction projects;

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12. *Implores* the REICP working group to specify that regional REIC member states commit to adhering to best practices for the environmentally responsible construction of energy infrastructure projects (e.g hydroelectric dams, hydrocarbon pipelines, solar farms, etc.), if best practices cannot be met, the working group should request REIC member states commit to depositing a commonly agreed upon percentage of the project's projected environmental cost into the regional REIC's reserve fund;
  13. *Strongly Recommends* the REICP working group to stipulate repercussions for the violation of the conditions set out in the previous two clauses to be agreed upon by the regional REIC;
  14. *Recommends* the REICP working group stipulate the repercussions for violating REIC commitments result in the depositing of additional funds above and beyond base commitments into the REIC's reserve fund;
  15. *Recommends* the REICP working group specify that regional REIC member state commitments be monitored by the IEA's Energy Technology Systems Analysis (ETSA) program;
  16. *Asks* existing regional associations to leverage shared underutilized resource reserves through regional REICPs to reduce costs related with bringing energy to market;
  17. *Affirms* the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), United Nations Development Operation Coordination Office (DOCO) and other UN affiliates' communication with the governments of Member States as well as assessments, technical support and recommendations;
  18. *Suggests* the consideration of REIC protocols during investor state arbitration processes and during the creation of international trade legislation with recognition and specific focus of environmentally detrimental practices, and sustainable renewable sources of energy;
  19. *Endorses* the increase of communication and cooperation between UNDG Country Teams, Regional UNDG Country Teams, relevant UN regional organizations, governments and/or NGOs to establish stable trade partnerships regarding energy;
  20. *Requests* the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) to provide guidance based on existing research for regional and sub-regional infrastructure improvements in transportation, refinement, and exportation of non-renewable infrastructure, specifically related to REIC protocol regarding, oil and gas pipelines, high voltage electric infrastructure, fossil fuel export depots, and petrochemical refineries;
  21. *Encourages* Member States to undergo comprehensive policy gap audits by organizations, selected by Member States, such as IRENA, Building Energy Efficiency Funding Schemes and the Energy Efficiency Partnership who already perform these services, to provide clarity on significant areas where energy efficiency can be improved;
  22. *Recommends* UNDG and DOCO to continue to deliver technical support for renewable and/or sustainable energy sources as well as cleaner and more efficient use of fossil fuels;
  23. *Recommends* the DOCO to further enhance the assessments, recommendations and communications between the UNDG headquarter and the regional UN development systems;
  24. *Strongly encourages* the DOCO to assist the UNDG with preparing system-wide agreements, policies and guidelines for country offices.