



**JOINT DECLARATION BY THE IEA AND BRAZIL, CHINA, INDIA,
INDONESIA, RUSSIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ON THE OCCASION OF THE
2013 IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING EXPRESSING MUTUAL INTEREST IN
PURSUING AN ASSOCIATION**

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The IEA and Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Russia and South Africa ('Partner countries') taking part in this IEA Ministerial Meeting take this opportunity to announce their intention to pursue closer co-operation on the basis of a common understanding that global energy challenges and energy security require shared solutions by producer, consumer and transit countries.

This intention to initiate multilateral co-operation builds upon the extensive bilateral work programmes that have been jointly developed by the IEA and individual Partner countries in recent years. Co-operation, which has been based on the principle of equity and mutual benefit in the pursuit of common interests, promotes the shared interests of IEA Member and Partner countries and can help to increase the transparency and effective functioning of international energy markets. Acknowledging the strong and fruitful co-operation that already exists, but convinced that today's energy challenges call for even closer collaboration in a broader setting, the IEA and Partner countries intend to further increase their co-operation.

An association would provide an efficient, voluntary means to work together on the basis of equity in areas of mutual interest, including: increasing information-sharing on common energy challenges and best practices; energy security; transparency and analysis of energy markets; energy technologies, energy efficiency and renewable energy; and other topics of mutual interest. An association would also provide a common forum for regular dialogue between IEA Member and Partner countries via participation of Partner countries in meetings of various IEA Standing Groups and Committees as well as at this and future IEA Ministerial Meetings.

We plan to work jointly and co-operatively as we make best endeavours to reach an understanding to develop an association in a manner that will capture both the benefits and responsibilities of IEA Member and Partner countries in association.