



JOINT DECLARATION

on the establishment of a

Roadmap for Sustainable Electricity Trade

Between Morocco and the European Internal Energy Market

between



The Federal Republic of Germany



The French Republic



The Kingdom of Spain



The Portuguese Republic

and



The Kingdom of Morocco

Hereinafter jointly named the “Signatories”.

Considering that the 2015 Paris Agreement concluded at the conference of parties (COP21), under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change provides the framework for nationally determined contributions by each party to this Agreement to achieve the long-term temperature goal (as set out in Article 2 of the Agreement) while developed countries shall provide financial support to developing countries to help implement their emissions reductions.

Recalling that each of the parties to the Paris Agreement has adopted nationally determined contributions, which they are endeavouring to achieve.

Considering that the European Signatories to the present joint declaration are implementing national support programs to achieve the targets of the European Union Renewable Energy Directive 2009/28/EC as regards renewable energy penetration, as well as their own energy transitions. In addition, the European Union has agreed on a binding target for renewables energies on EU level of 27 % by 2030. In parallel, Morocco is implementing the Moroccan Renewable Energy Plan, led by Masen, with an ambitious mix target of 52% by 2030.

Considering that Morocco is benefiting from support from various donor sources including the EU Neighbourhood Investment Facility and the Clean Technology Fund (of which France, Germany, Spain and Morocco are members). Those sources are of course limited in size. Considering that Morocco could provide an attractive source of renewable electricity for Europe and that such renewable energy integration could involve substantial mutually-beneficial investment opportunities for the parties involved, and could generate a significant number of jobs.

Recognizing that improved electricity market integration between MENA and Europe could facilitate the integration of increasing renewables electricity on both sides.

Considering that the Moroccan and the European Union electricity grid are partially interconnected through Spain, share common technical standards, and are synchronized. Also, the interconnection between Morocco and the Iberian Peninsula is expected to be strengthened through a new interconnection with Portugal. Once the European internal energy market, including the necessary physical infrastructures, is completed, major technical obstacles to solar or other renewable energy trade will be tackled.

The Signatories declare that their intention is to provide the conditions to make possible renewable electricity trade between Morocco and European Internal Energy Market:

1. In the context of Morocco’s Presidency of COP22 – the “COP of Implementation” – and as a demonstration of a very effective support from developed to developing countries, Germany, France, Portugal and Spain express the intention to consider and plan a progressive integration of energy markets which would allow a mutually beneficial trade of renewable energy.
2. As such, the Signatories are willing to work together in order to develop a roadmap for sustainable electricity trade between Morocco and the European Internal Energy Market, the «SET Roadmap ».
3. At the outset of the SET Roadmap, the prospects for the Integration of the electricity markets and trade of renewable energy between Morocco and the European Internal Energy Market are expected to be reviewed in its economic, financial, legal and regulatory, security, technical (including identifying any grid bottlenecks), environmental, social aspects and market conditions. It will focus primarily on filling any significant gaps in previous analysis (taking into

account any subsequent progress) and on proposing solutions to any challenges or bottlenecks identified.

4. On that basis, it is foreseen to develop a roadmap to an implementable agreement, taking into account each country's constraints, conditions, milestones and planning in order to potentially achieve an effective electricity trade between the European Internal Energy Market and Morocco allowing for an increased integration of renewable energy.
5. It is noted that Masen is willing to provide the Secretariat of any governance to be set for the SET Roadmap and that each Signatory will designate a focal point for the needs of the project.
6. Each Signatory may be supported by his country task force, and can contribute to the budget for the SET Roadmap, either in cash or in kind (such as personnel and expertise) in accordance with its national legislation and budget.

It is intended that the SET Roadmap might culminate in an implementable agreement between the Signatories by the date of COP23.

The present joint declaration cannot be construed as a source of legal obligations for the signatories, nor will it be subject to International Law.

This Joint Declaration has been executed at Marrakech during COP22 on the 17th November 2016 written in seven (7) originals.



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