

## **RESOLUTION OF ADHERENCE TO THE AGREEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **BACKGROUND**

I. The 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change concluded with the adoption of a historic agreement by the 195 states represented at the Convention to combat climate change and promote measures and investments for a low-carbon, resilient, and sustainable future. This agreement, known as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, was adopted on December 12, 2015, and entered into force in November 2016 (hereinafter, the Paris Agreement). Its objective is to keep this century's temperature increase well below 2°C and to strengthen the capacity to face the impacts of climate change. This agreement highlights that climate change is already a reality and one of the most urgent challenges humanity must face, with impacts already being felt. Consequently, it is necessary to work not only to advance the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions but also to enhance the adaptability and resilience of natural systems, socio-economic sectors, and Catalan society as a whole.

II. The Government of Catalonia expressed its commitment to the Paris Agreement with the approval, on October 20, 2015, of its intended national contribution. Along with other territories, cities, and towns worldwide, it was present at the Convention and has promoted various agreements that demonstrate its willingness to be part of the solution. On April 26, 2016, the Government of Catalonia ratified the commitments of the Paris Agreement, with the aim of strengthening Catalonia's role as an active territory in climate change policies and making its commitment to the Paris Agreement explicit, in line with the potential of Catalan society. With this ratification, the Government of Catalonia urges Catalan society as a whole to also explicitly support the Paris Agreement.

III. The Parliament of Catalonia approved on July 27, 2017, Law 16/2017, of August 1, on climate change (hereinafter, the Climate Change Law), which, in its Article 19 on energy, states that measures adopted in the field of energy must aim for an energy transition towards a one hundred percent renewable, denuclearized, and decarbonized model, neutral in greenhouse gas emissions, that reduces the vulnerability of the Catalan energy system and guarantees the right to access energy as a common good. These measures should be directed, among other objectives, at promoting the creation of a renewable energy research and production cluster based on renewable energy research centers in Catalonia, so that it becomes a leading country in research and the application of new technologies that contribute to mitigation while also reducing Catalonia's energy dependence on external energy resources.

In this regard, the Catalonia Institute for Energy Research Foundation is a key element in achieving the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets set out in the Climate Change Law for the entire energy cycle. Its mission is perfectly aligned with the objectives of the Climate Change Law related to the energy sector. IREC's activities in developing new low-carbon emission technologies, electric mobility, and the use of biogenic carbon sources will contribute to enabling Catalonia to achieve these goals. This includes reducing both greenhouse gas emissions and vulnerability to climate change impacts, facilitating the transition to a low-carbon economy while also transforming the model of production and access to natural and energy resources.

## **COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Catalonia Institute for Energy Research Foundation, as a public sector entity of the Government of Catalonia attached to the Department of Climate Action, Food, and Rural Agenda in accordance with its statutes, wishes to adhere to the commitments adopted by the Government of Catalonia in the [Government Agreement of April 26, 2016, in support of the Paris Agreement](#). This adherence aims to strengthen institutional ties with the energy and climate policies of the Government of Catalonia and, specifically, to actively participate in the fight against climate change and contribute, within its capacity, to the objectives established in the Paris Agreement.

In view of the above, the director of the Catalonia Institute for Energy Research Foundation.

## **RESOLVES**

1. To make explicit the adherence of IREC to the declaration of support by the Government of Catalonia for the Paris Agreement on climate change, as approved by the Government Agreement of April 26, 2016, under the terms set forth in said Agreement, by signing this resolution.
2. To submit this resolution to the Board of Trustees of the Catalonia Institute for Energy Research Foundation for its ratification and to further formalize this adherence.

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