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To : The participants of the 9th Workshop of the International Feed – In Cooperation.

Subject: Invitation to the 9th Workshop of the International Feed-In Cooperation on 26 and 27 January 2012 in Athens.

Dear Madam,

Dear Sir,

It is my honour to invite you to the 9th Workshop of the International Feed-In Cooperation (IFIC) on 26 and 27 January 2012 in Athens.

The IFIC was founded by Spain and Germany at the International Conference for Renewable Energies in Bonn in 2004 (renewables2004) and joined by Slovenia in 2007. The IFIC's main objective is to provide a forum for the exchange of experience and best practices for EU Member States and other states using feed-in systems as a support instrument for electricity from renewable energies.

The Greek Government and the Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, have set "Green Development" as a high political and energy priority through the acceleration of the dynamic promotion of Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency. We have committed ourselves to achieve 20% of RES in the final consumption of Greece by 2020.

The Feed-in tariffs mechanism was introduced in Greece since 1994 and has been proven to be a very efficient tool for a significant penetration of green electricity in our national market, providing an attractive and stable investment environment. Furthermore, Greece looks forward to cooperating with the European Commission and our EU, South East European and Mediterranean Partners for the dynamic promotion of RES, taking into account the high quality and significant quantity of the Greek national potential on Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Saving, as well as the crucial role of these issues to our economic recovery.

For all these reasons Greece has shown strong interest in joining the common project between Germany, Spain and Slovenia. During the 9th Workshop of the International Feed-In Cooperation, Greece will sign the “Joint Declaration on cooperation on the development and promotion of the feed-in system to increase the use of renewable energy sources in the production of electricity”. Thereby Greece will become the fourth member of the IFIC,

Furthermore, at the 9th Workshop of the International Feed-In Cooperation we will have the opportunity to discuss:

- Recent developments and experiences regarding feed-in systems
- Latest developments on the EU-Level
- The challenge of determining a feed-in tariff adequately
- International cooperation on Renewable Energy with regard to feed-in schemes
- Best practices of how to meet several administrative and planning challenges.

Attached you will find the draft agenda of the workshop, as well as registration form and travel information. For additional information on the International Feed-In Cooperation please refer to the following website: www.feed-in-cooperation.org

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Athens on 26 and 27 January 2012.

Yours sincerely,

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