

**JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND MINING OF THE
ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY AND
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND CLIMATE ACTION OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP**

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay (on the Uruguayan side) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action of the Federal Republic of Germany (on the German side) (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Sides" and in the singular as "a Side") wish to further promote friendship and cooperation between the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Federal Republic of Germany, considering the Agreement between the Government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on technical cooperation signed in Montevideo on March 31, 1971. They have the intention to enhance bilateral dialogue and practical cooperation between the Sides in the energy sector by establishing an energy partnership, which should build on and further enhance the ongoing, successful cooperation programs and dialogue between both Sides in the energy sector.

The energy partnership will provide a general framework for political dialogue and cooperation on climate and energy topics, using synergies between existing bilateral dialogues on both. Hence, the main objective of the energy partnership will be to enable the development and improvements of sustainable energy infrastructure as well as modern and efficient energy markets to emerge, in particular through the promotion of an increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Both Sides acknowledge the urgency for climate action and the activities already taking place under various existing bilateral and multilateral dialogue formats. They take note of the advancement in renewable energy and energy-efficiency technologies, the renewable energy resources that are available in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Federal Republic of Germany, and the resulting opportunities for their widespread application. They recognize that the creation of an appropriate market environment for the increasing role of private-sector activities along with an enabling framework for strong public-private partnerships is vital for the successful commercial application and availability of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Therefore, both Sides have come to the following understanding:

1. OBJECTIVE

The Sides underline their shared objective of making their best effort to secure the sustainable supply and utilization of renewable energies and circular economy, as a key to climate protection efforts and the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change signed and ratified by both the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Federal Republic of Germany. The Sides further recognize the importance of private sector participation and the academic sector in promoting the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as the fundamental role of communication strategies to raise public awareness on the energy transition and climate change.

Therefore, the Sides intend to intensify their cooperation in these areas.

2. SCOPE, AREAS OF COOPERATION AND ACTIVITIES

The Sides intend to foster the energy transition through best-practice exchange and activities of mutual cooperation focused on the following areas:

- Energy efficiency;
- Governmental energy policies, short and long-term planning and regulations for sustainable energy development including achievement of climate targets;
- Ramp-up of national and international markets for green hydrogen with a cross-cutting focus on digitalizing the evolving hydrogen value chains;
- Renewable energies and their integration into a modern, flexible and smart grid with a focus on digital solutions for grid and power plant operators;
- Vocational trainings for skilled workforce in the different renewable energy subsectors;
- Decarbonization of the economies with a focus on energy sectors, transport and industrial sectors,
- Circular economy approaches in energy and industrial sectors as well as in waste management;
- Improvement to the framework for private-sector investments and partnership in sustainable energy and circular economy;
- Capacity-building, including public awareness-raising and training. In general, all aspects related to energy affordability, security and sustainability.

The following activities are proposed to implement the cooperation in the aforementioned areas:

- Mutual exchange of information;
- Definition of a joint annual working plan and follow-up activity;
- Establishment of specific working groups;
- Joint communication initiatives;
- Encouragement of private-sector trade and investment.

The Sides may jointly decide on further areas of cooperation or activities within the scope of this Joint Declaration of Intent.

The Sides intend the adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights, which stem from the activities carried out in application of this Joint Declaration of Intent, in accordance with their national legislation, international duties and in line with World Trade Organization regulations.

Gender diversity aspects should be considered.

3. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The competent authorities responsible for coordinating the dialogue and joint activities under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be:

- a. in the case of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay: Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining (MIEM)
- b. in the case of the Federal Republic of Germany: The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action.

The following Ministries may also contribute to the further dialogue:

- a. on the Uruguayan Side: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Environment.
- b. on the German Side: The Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, the Federal Foreign Office, and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Notwithstanding the above, each Side might designate other government bodies or agencies to participate in the Working Groups or specific activities as required.

4. APPLICATION

The Sides will establish a joint High-Level Steering Committee involving representatives of the relevant authorities from each country. The High-Level Steering Committee will be responsible for the application and monitoring of the Joint Declaration of Intent. The Sides intend to hold one High-Level Steering Committee meeting per year.

The High-Level Steering Committee will be mandated to establish working groups, if necessary, to develop cooperation in specific areas. The working groups will identify, plan and coordinate their activities and review progress on the application. The Sides will nominate relevant stakeholders or representatives to participate in the working groups. The working groups will be jointly co-chaired by one representative of each Side and should meet in parallel to meetings of the High-Level Steering Committee or during intervals between such meetings, as may be required, for exchanging in-depth on the areas of cooperation.

The agenda, time and place of all meetings will be jointly decided upon by the Sides. The meetings will be held alternately in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Federal Republic of Germany. The minutes of the meetings will be approved and signed off by the appointed representative of each Side.

5. EXPENSES

Both Sides understand that their own subsistence and travel expenses of their own participants attending the High-Level Steering Committee meetings, the Working Groups meetings and meetings of specific joint activities, programs or projects under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be borne by each Side itself or their designated authorities themselves. This will include costs for meeting venues, for the aforementioned activities, or for any other initiative that one of the Sides proposes.

6. STATUS

This Joint Declaration of Intent is not meant to constitute an international treaty and will not give rise to any fiduciary, legal, or financial obligations or commitments. Any activities that might be conducted under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds and other resources of both Sides.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

Both Sides share the opinion that the proceedings of Working Group meetings under this Joint Declaration of Intent should only be published if both Sides consent to this in writing, notwithstanding legal requirements regarding information access.

8. SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

Any differences between the Sides arising from the interpretation or application of this Joint Declaration of Intent will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Sides through diplomatic channels

9. AMENDMENT

This Joint Declaration of Intent may be amended any time by mutual written consent of both Sides.

10. NOTIFICATIONS

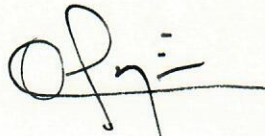
Any notifications concerning this Joint Declaration of Intent should be effected in writing between the nominated representatives of the Competent Authorities.

11. DURATION

This Joint Declaration of Intent will remain in effect from the date of its signature until either Side decides to end the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent. It should inform the other Side in writing at least six months in advance of its intention to end the cooperation.

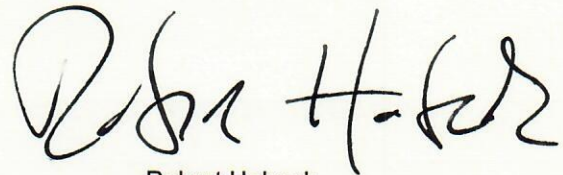
Signed in Berlin on 29 March 2023, in duplicate in the Spanish, German and English languages, all languages being equivalent. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text should prevail.

**For the Ministry of Industry, Energy and
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