

JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE  
ON  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The Government of the Republic of Chile and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Sides” and in the singular as “a Side”) wish to further promote friendship and cooperation between Chile and Germany. 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 in the energy sector of both Sides, using synergies between existing bilateral dialogues on energy and climate issues. 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 activities taking place under various existing bilateral and multilateral dialogue formats and take note of the recent advancement in renewable energy and energy-efficiency technologies, the renewable energy resources that are available in Chile and Germany, and the consequent 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 guaranteeing the secure and sustainable supply and utilization of energy, also in light of international climate protection efforts. The Sides further recognize the importance of private-sector participation 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.

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:

- Governmental energy policies, short and long-term planning and regulations for sustainable energy development;
- Renewable energies and their integration into a modern, flexible and smart grid;
- Energy efficiency in all its facets;
- Energy technologies and technology foresight and innovation;
- Market mechanisms and business models enhancing the energy transition;
- Improvement to the framework for private-sector investments in sustainable energy;
- Capacity-building, including public awareness-raising and training.

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, on a jointly decided basis, decide on further areas of cooperation or activities within the scope of this Joint Declaration of Intent.

The Sides accept 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.

### 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 Republic of Chile: the Ministry of Energy; and
- (b) in the case of the Federal Republic of Germany: the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.

The following Ministries will also participate in the partnership:

- (a) on the Chilean 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, the Federal Foreign Office, and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### 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 Republic of Chile 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 the subsistence and travel expenses of 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 the Sides or their designated authorities. This will include costs for meeting venues, for the aforementioned activities, or for any other initiative that one of the Sides proposes.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.

## 8. EFFECTIVITY

This Joint Declaration of Intent will take effect from the date of signature thereof.

## 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 AND TERMINATION

This Joint Declaration of Intent will remain in effect until either Side decides to terminate 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 terminate the cooperation.

Signed in Berlin on 9 April 2019 in duplicate in the English language.

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