

DECLARATION OF THE THIRD BRICS MEETING OF ENERGY MINISTERS

Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa — 28 June 2018

1. We, the Ministers of Energy and Heads of Delegation of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of South Africa, held the third BRICS Ministers of Energy Meeting in Johannesburg on 28 June 2018. The meeting was hosted by South Africa during its chairship of BRICS in 2018 with the purpose to advance BRICS cooperation on energy, as well as to discuss areas of cooperation for approval at the BRICS Leaders' Summit.
2. We reaffirm the outcomes of previous BRICS Energy Ministers' Meetings and Leaders' Summits. Continuing from the outcomes of the Second BRICS Meeting of Energy Ministers in Beijing on 7 June 2017, hosted under the chairship of China, as well as the Leaders' Declaration of the Ninth BRICS Summit in Xiamen, we will strengthen cooperation in energy security, enhance cooperation on energy transition and launch joint studies on energy cooperation



potential.

3. We remain committed to the BRICS Economic Partnership Strategy adopted at the 2015 Leaders' Summit, particularly to the implementation of the energy work stream contained therein and note the progress made in the execution of this priority focus area.
4. We will continue to uphold our commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We strive towards lower greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, universal energy access, energy efficiency, energy security, energy affordability and a just transition as essential to sustained inclusive economic growth, shared prosperity and the future of our planet and its inhabitants.
5. We reaffirm that the diversification of energy supply sources, investments in energy and energy infrastructure, technological progress, energy industry and market development and intra-BRICS collaboration for strategic access to primary energy sources and renewables are principal drivers of our collective energy security.
6. We recognise that the just transition to cleaner energy systems



involves various technically advanced, flexible, cost competitive and low emissions technologies central to the fourth industrial revolution, as well as the pursuit of sustainable development and economic growth.

7. We will improve collaboration on energy technology development and affordable access in the transition to environmentally sustainable and flexible energy systems. This includes the proliferation of renewable energy sources and technologies, such as cleaner fossil fuels, advanced energy storage systems, electric vehicles, energy efficiency measures, micro grid solutions and digitalisation.

8. We agree to strengthen intra-BRICS cooperation on energy research, production and consumption; planning, policy and regulation; project preparation and financing of infrastructure, including through the New Development Bank (NDB), as well as other BRICS country-specific finance channels; investment, trade and industry development partnerships; knowledge sharing and capacity building with an emphasis on youth employment through mentorship, professional and education exchange programmes. We will do this in a manner that promotes mutual energy security and flexibility and foster economic, environmental and social prosperity.



9. We concur to improve BRICS collaboration through measures that will advance BRICS countries' manufacturing capacity, industrial development, global and intra-BRICS value-chain participation in energy technologies and the supply of input components, raw materials and related systems as required by the fourth industrial revolution and the transition to environmentally sustainable economic growth and development.
10. We further recognise the importance of regional integration and cooperation for energy security and our collective wellbeing. We undertake to reinforce BRICS cooperation with African countries to support the energy, economic, social and developmental prospects of the continent.
11. We are pleased with the progress made by the BRICS Working Group on Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency in the implementation of the Memorandum of Mutual Understanding in Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency, as well as the Plan of Actions agreed to at the First Working Group Meeting in India in 2016. The joint sharing of, and participation in, national initiatives to promote broad-based behavioral change and enhance public awareness of energy saving and efficiency measures is also welcomed.



12. We agree to establish the “BRICS Energy Research Cooperation Platform” and to develop its terms of reference. We look forward to the collective application of the platform for conducting joint studies that would advance BRICS collaboration on several areas, such as environmentally and economically sustainable energy resources, technologies, industries, markets and finance development, according to priorities defined in common agreement. The effective utilisation of the platform will strengthen cooperation toward a sustainable future within the BRICS and on a global scale.
13. We will establish a BRICS Committee of Senior Energy Officials to coordinate and elevate energy cooperation activities and implementation in a manner that advances intra-BRICS energy security and transitioning to more environmentally sustainable energy systems.
14. We will further improve alignment with the BRICS Business Council, especially the Energy and Green Economy Group, as well as with the BRICS Business Forum and Think Tanks Council. We support greater private sector participation, as well as improved cooperation between BRICS state owned enterprises and private



sector firms in the energy sector.

15. We re-affirm the importance of consulting on our positions between national energy focal points of BRICS countries in relevant multilateral platforms, as well as to align BRICS work on energy with that of other related multilateral fora supportive of the global energy transition and increased energy security.

16. Delegations express their appreciation for South Africa's hosting of the Third BRICS Meeting of Energy Ministers. We look forward to strengthen and progress our energy cooperation under the chairship of Brazil in 2019.

