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## ENDORSEMENT STATEMENT ON THE CONCENTRATING SOLAR POWER GLOBAL MARKET INITIATIVE

### Whereas

1.  
The Renewables 2004 Conference in Bonn charts the way towards an expansion of renewable energies worldwide, responding to the call of the 2002 Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development for the global development of renewable energy.
2.  
„Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) Technology Transfer & Market Development“ has been registered as a Type – II Partnership at the World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in September 2002 by the UNEP-GEF Technology Transfer Network as a joint public-private effort to develop CSP for the benefit of climate protection, poverty alleviation, economic development, energy security, energy independence, rural grid expansion, socialization and long-term price stability.
3.  
Solar thermal power plants, which make use of CSP technologies, have the capability to meet a significant percentage of the future global electricity demand without technological or natural resource limitations. The solar resource necessary for CSP technologies is widely available in the sun-belt around the world and an increasing number of countries wish to develop this indigenous energy resource.
4.  
The cost of CSP generated electricity is expected to be further significantly reduced in the next ten years, mainly through technology improvements and market incentives, reaching competitiveness with large-scale, fossil-fueled conventional mid-load steam cycle power plants.
5.  
An international collaborative effort for a public – private CSP Global Market Initiative is considered to be essential to assure that the market introduction of CSP will be most cost-effective by aggregating the CSP market and leveling the playing field for CSP technologies in the market.