



Africa Supports United Arab Emirates' Candidature to Host the Seat of IARE

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, May 5, 2009/African Press Organization (APO)/ — Mr. Jean Ping, Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Saturday 1st May 2009, received in

audience a delegation of the United Arab Emirates, led by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Royal Highness, Sheikh Abdellah Ben Zaid Al Nyan, who came to seek the support of the African Union Member States with respect to the candidature of his country to host the Seat of the International Agency for Renewable Energy (IARE).

During the meeting at the headquarters of the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Chairperson Ping reassured the African Union's willingness to reinforce cooperation ties with the League of Arab States in order to mobilize the needed to help the United Arab Emirates achieve its mission.

Meanwhile, some Permanent Representatives of AU Member States, members of the IARE as well as organizations with observer's status based in Addis Ababa, also took part in the meeting. "The African Union will do all in its capacity to transmit the message of the Sheikh Abdellah, to the rest of the five African Countries, members of the IARE who are not represented in Addis Ababa" Chairperson Ping explained.

Sheikh Abdellah Ben Zaid Al Nyan, on his part, highlighted the level of cooperation existing between his country and Africa, underscoring the need for this relationship to be strengthened via the putting in place of a consolidated network of embassies through the whole of Africa amongst others.

"We are an independent country, open to all cultures and respectful of each individual and of religions" the Minister noted, adding that, regardless of his country's status as renowned producer of fuel, the United Arab Emirates is fully committed to invest in renewable energies.

The candidature of the United Arab Emirates would be submitted to vote during the second Conference of the IARE member States billed for Egypt in June 2009.