Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name
iShares MSCI EM ESG Optimized ETF

2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)
81-2030513

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BlackRock Fund Advisors

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Princeton, NJ 08540

8 Date of action
May 24, 2018

9 Classification and description
Common Stock - Regulated Investment Company

10 CUSIP number
46434G863

11 Serial number(s)

12 Ticker symbol
ESGE

13 Account number(s)

Part II Organizational Action

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action. 
On May 11, 2018, the Board of Directors of iShares Inc. has approved a 100% stock dividend for shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 22, 2018, payable after the close of trading on May 24, 2018.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis. 
Under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 305(a), the stock dividend was a non-taxable transaction. Under IRC Section 307(a), each shareholder is required to allocate the aggregate tax basis in his or her shares held immediately prior to the stock dividend between the old and new shares in proportion to the market values of each on the pay date. As a result, the number of shares held by each shareholder were multiplied by 2 and the basis in each share following the stock dividend was 1/2 of the basis immediately prior to the stock dividend.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates. See Section 15 above.
17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based:

Internal Revenue Code Sections 305(a) and 307(a)

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized?  

No

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year:

This organizational action is reportable with respect to calendar year 2018.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature:  

Date:  

Print your name:  

Title:  

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Print/Type preparer’s name  

Preparer’s signature  

Date  

Check if self-employed  

PTIN

Firm’s name  

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Phone no.

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