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REPORT OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Submitted by the Chairman of the Main Committee,
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1. The Main Committee held four meetings during the period 1-5 December 2003.

2. The Committee elected the following Vice-Chairpersons: Mr. S. M. Mahmood (Nigeria), Mr. V. G. Garcia III (Philippines), Mr. G. Clough (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

3. In accordance with the mandate given to it by the General Conference, the Committee considered agenda items 7 to 17 and 19. Draft decisions or resolutions on items 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c), 10 (e), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19 were considered.

4. With the aim of achieving consensus, the following items were discussed informally prior to being taken up by the Committee:

Item 10 (e) – Appointment of the External Auditor—term of office (under the guidance of Vice-Chairman Mr. Garcia (Philippines));

Item 12 – Resolutions adopted by CAMI (under the guidance of Mr. M. Muhammed (Nigeria), President of CAMI, and Ms. T. Feroukhi (Algeria), Chairperson of the African Group);

Item 12 – South-South cooperation (under the guidance of Ms. H. Touati (Algeria) and Ms. M. Ramis-Plum (France));

Item 12 – UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations, particularly Iraq (under the guidance of Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Clough (United Kingdom));

Item 12 – Role of UNIDO in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (under the guidance of Mr. B. Amin (Pakistan));

Item 14 – Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (under the guidance of Mr. R. Rudischhauser (Germany) and Mr. H. Rao (India)).

5. At its afternoon meeting on 3 December 2003, the coordinators of the informal discussions reported on progress made, and the Committee agreed to continue the informal discussions with a view to achieving consensus. Consensus was reached during the meeting on nine draft decisions (items 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c), 12 and 16) and one draft resolution (item 12). These texts are contained in document GC.10/L.2.

6. At its meetings on 4 December 2003, the Committee reached consensus on 12 draft resolutions (items 10 (b), 10 (e), 12, 14, 15 and 19), which are contained in documents GC.10/L.2/Add.1 and Add.2. The sponsors of the draft decision under item 10 (e) (term of office of the External Auditor) withdrew the text with a view to the possibility of submitting a similar proposal to a future session of the Conference.

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