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Addendum

Provides additional information on proposed activities in the forthcoming medium-term programme framework period, 2008-2011.

1. This note supplements the information provided in document IDB.32/8-PBC.22/8 with regard to the draft medium-term programme framework (MTPF) for 2008-2011.
2. As indicated in document IDB.32/8-PBC.22/8, the MTPF for 2008-2011 will be the first of its kind to be based on the three thematic priorities (and associated cross-cutting issues) specified in the strategic long-term vision statement of UNIDO, in accordance with resolution GC.11/Res.4.
3. In addition, the implementation of the MTPF for 2008-2011 is expected to be based, to the extent possible, on the principles of results-based management, focusing on the definition of quantifiable outcomes and the degree of their achievement.
4. The MTPF for 2008-2011 will also incorporate a number of programmatic enhancements that have been initiated and developed in recent months, such as the proposed measures to promote youth employment, enhance the use of biofuels, and stimulate increased South-South cooperation for industrial development.
5. In a further innovation, the draft MTPF will cover the important issues of programme coordination, the regional dimensions of programme implementation, resource mobilization, and the programme support and management services required for the effective implementation of the activities proposed under the programme framework.

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6. Due to the extensive range and deep-rooted nature of the innovative measures being introduced to raise the developmental impact and operational transparency of the Organization's operations in 2008-2011, the preparation of a detailed set of proposed programmatic activities and support measures has proved more complex than anticipated. For this reason, this detailed proposal will be submitted in a conference room paper.

7. An attempt will be made to hold the real value of the resources required for the implementation of the MTPF for 2008-2011 within the limits established for the MTPF for 2006-2009, at least for the first biennium of the new programme period. Over the longer term, however, it is anticipated that the future growth of UNIDO's services, as demanded and required by the Member States, will require additional investments in the Organization.

Action required of the Board

8. The Board may wish to take note of the information provided in the present document.
