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### Conclusion of Standard Basic Cooperation Agreements between UNIDO and Member States

## Conclusion of basic cooperation agreements between Governments and UNIDO

### Note by Director-General

Provides information on the current status of basic cooperation agreements signed between Governments and UNIDO and proposes a decision on the subject.

### Introduction

1. Basic cooperation agreements concluded between Governments and UNIDO embody the essential terms and conditions under which UNIDO provides assistance financed from the Industrial Development Fund or other funds administered by UNIDO. The agreements apply to all such assistance by UNIDO and, in particular, to such project documents as may be agreed between the Government and UNIDO.

2. A draft standard basic cooperation agreement was submitted to the Board at its first session, part two (UNIDO/IDB.1/13). On the recommendation of the Board, the first session of the General Conference adopted decision GC.1/Dec.40 on 12 December 1985, which reads as follows:

“The General Conference

“(a) Took note of the draft standard basic co-operation agreement contained in document UNIDO/IDB.1/13 as amended by document

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UNIDO/IDB.1/CRP.8 (in turn orally corrected),<sup>1</sup> which the Secretariat of UNIDO, taking fully into account the comments made by Governments, will use as reference when negotiating with individual Governments specific bilateral co-operation agreements;

“(b) Authorized the Director-General, with a view to facilitating the delivery by UNIDO of technical assistance, to propose and conclude on behalf of UNIDO appropriate co-operation agreements which, as far as possible, shall take into account the provisions of the draft standard basic co-operation agreement referred to in paragraph (a) above.”

3. The text of the standard basic cooperation agreement will be made available in document IDB.35/CRP.5.

## **I. Current status**

4. Pursuant to the above decision, the Director-General has concluded basic cooperation agreements with the Governments listed in the Annex. A total of 32 agreements have been signed to date, of which 21 have entered into force, 10 are being applied provisionally pending ratification by the Government, and one has yet to enter into force. The most recent agreement, with the Government of the Republic of Guatemala, was signed in Vienna on 11 October 2002 and entered into force on 3 January 2008.

5. The Secretariat is of the view that the standard basic cooperation agreement continues to provide the most appropriate legal basis for the implementation of programmes and projects of UNIDO at the country level. The conclusion of additional basic cooperation agreements would enhance both the image and the effectiveness of UNIDO and would avoid the need, in the absence of such an agreement, to rely on ad hoc arrangements for each project, which may lead to delays.

## **II. Action required of the Board**

6. With a view to promoting the conclusion of additional basic cooperation agreements, the Secretariat intends to renew as soon as possible its proposals to conclude such agreements with Governments that have not yet done so. In that context, the Board may wish to consider adopting the following draft decision:

“The Industrial Development Board;

“(a) Recalls decision GC.1/Dec.40 adopted by the General Conference at its first session on 12 December 1985;

“(b) Takes note of the information provided by the Director-General in document IDB.35/15 on the conclusion of basic cooperation agreements between Governments and UNIDO;

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<sup>1</sup> See UNIDO/IDB.1/SR.20, para. 14.

“(c) Encourages recipient Governments that have not yet done so to conclude appropriate cooperation agreements and to bring such agreements into force;

“(d) Requests the Director-General to report periodically to the Board on the status of cooperation agreements concluded on behalf of the Organization.”

## Annex

## Governments that have concluded basic cooperation agreements with UNIDO

<i>Government</i>	<i>Date of signature</i>	<i>Place of signature</i>	<i>Effective date</i>
<b>Albania</b>	8 November 1991	Vienna	8 November 1991
<b>Bolivia</b>	1 December 1988	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	8 March 1996	Ouagadougou	8 March 1996
<b>Burundi</b>	25 June 1990	Vienna	25 June 1990
<b>Cameroon</b>	24 April 1989	Vienna	28 October 1991
<b>Chile</b>	26 April 1988	Vienna	Not in force
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	7 March 1996	Abidjan	7 March 1996
<b>Cuba</b>	9 May 1990	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Djibouti</b>	21 November 1991	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Ecuador</b>	10 May 1989	Quito	15 March 1993
<b>Gabon</b>	30 March 1993	Vienna	30 March 1993
<b>Gambia</b>	27 January 1994	Vienna	27 January 1994
<b>Ghana</b>	2 December 1999	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Guatemala</b>	11 October 2002	Vienna	3 January 2008
<b>Guinea</b>	8 June 1991	Conakry	8 June 1991
<b>Lebanon</b>	14 March 1989	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Mauritania</b>	16 May 1989	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Morocco</b>	6 September 1988	Vienna	30 September 1993
<b>Nicaragua</b>	11 November 1993	Vienna	11 November 1993
<b>Niger</b>	20 September 1988	Vienna	20 September 1988
<b>Nigeria</b>	5 November 1992	Vienna	5 November 1992
<b>Oman</b>	12 November 1993 18 December 1993	Vienna	Provisionally applied

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<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	2 February 1989 14 April 1989	Port Moresby Vienna	14 April 1989
<b>Philippines</b>	26 February 1993	Vienna	26 February 1993
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	6 September 1988 24 February 1989	Vienna Castries	7 March 1989
<b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b>	1 November 1991 28 November 1991	Kingstown Vienna	28 November 1991
<b>Sudan</b>	8 March 1988	Khartoum	Provisionally applied pending notification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>Togo</b>	26 November 1990	Vienna	26 November 1990
<b>Tunisia</b>	11 May 1994	Vienna	20 January 1995
<b>Uganda</b>	27 May 1994	Vienna	Provisionally applied pending ratification by Gov. (Article XIV)
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	1 December 1988	Vienna	Provisionally applied
<b>Yemen</b>	26 February 1993	Vienna	26 February 1993