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1. At its thirty-sixth session the Board adopted decision IDB.36/Dec.12, in which it requested that open-ended informal consultations on possible ways of dealing with the remaining amount of unutilized balances due to Member States in 2010 be conducted.

2. In compliance with decision IDB.36/Dec.12, a first informal consultation was conducted on 13 October 2009, at which the findings and conclusions of the feasibility study of the comprehensive change management initiative proposed by the Secretariat were presented by Deloitte Consulting. The presentation generated a fruitful debate and many valuable comments and suggestions from Member States. These were integrated into the final feasibility report which was issued as an attachment to the report by the Director-General in document GC.13/8/Add.1.

3. At the second informal consultation, on 17 November 2009, discussions continued, and a number of comments were made by Member States expressing support for the change management initiative in general and also concerns about its funding. It was intended that the Chairman would informally continue his consultations. The outcome of these consultations and any other relevant developments will be communicated to the Conference during the session.

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