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Introductory note

1. The decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its thirteenth regular session (2009) are reproduced in the present document.
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3. The present document should be read in conjunction with the summary records of the General Conference, where details of the proceedings are provided.

Agenda of the thirteenth regular session

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
6. Elections to organs:
 - (a) Industrial Development Board;
 - (b) Programme and Budget Committee.
7. Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 2007 and 2008.
8. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirty-fourth, resumed thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth regular sessions.
9. Forum on industrial development issues.
10. Financial matters:
 - (a) Scale of assessments of Member States;
 - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
 - (c) Working Capital Fund;
 - (d) Accounting standards;
 - (e) Financial regulations;
 - (f) Appointment of an External Auditor.
11. Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, including:
 - (a) Regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (b) Regional programme for Africa;
 - (c) Arab regional programme; and
 - (d) Other regional programmes.
12. Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013.
13. UNIDO major conferences.
14. Programme and budgets, 2010-2011.
15. Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme.
16. UNIDO activities in agro-related industries and agribusiness.
17. UNIDO activities in the field of energy and environment.
18. UNIDO Staff Pension Committee.
19. New social security agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria.
20. Modification of Headquarters Agreement incorporating a new conference facility (M-building).
21. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
22. Appointment of the Director-General.
23. Date and place of the fourteenth session.
24. Closure of the session.

Decisions

GC.13/Dec.1 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Ali Asghar Soltanieh (Iran, Islamic Republic of) President of the Conference at its thirteenth session.

*1st plenary meeting
7 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.2 ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its thirteenth session: H.E. Mr. Gianni Ghisi (Italy), H.E. Mr. Yasuyoshi Komizo (Japan), H.E. Mr. Henry Kiprono Kosgey (Kenya), H.E. Mr. Alejandro Díaz y Pérez Duarte (Mexico), H.E. Mr. José Luis Chicoma Lúcar (Peru), H.E. Mr. Marcin Korolec (Poland), H.E. Mr. Alexander Yakovenko (Russian Federation), H.E. Mr. Musthafa Mohamed Jaffeer (Sri Lanka), H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Hassan Elamin (Sudan).

*1st plenary meeting
7 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to suspend rule 42 of its rules of procedure for the first day of the Conference only, paragraph 1 (a) of which covers functions of the General Committee with regard to the adoption of the agenda;

(b) Adopted the agenda of its thirteenth session as contained in document GC.13/1/Rev.2.

*1st plenary meeting
7 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.4 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 7 to 21 and 23 in the plenary in the form of a general debate;

(b) Also decided to establish, in accordance with rule 44 of its rules of procedure, one Main Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Guido Kemmerling (Germany) on which each Member participating in the Conference may be represented;

(c) Further decided to refer agenda items 7 to 21 and 23 to the Main Committee for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary and requested the Chairman of the Main Committee to submit to the Conference on 11 December 2009, a written report on its work in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11.

*3rd plenary meeting
8 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.5 APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ireland, Philippines, Russian Federation, Spain, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia.

*3rd plenary meeting
8 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.6 CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference:

(a) Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendations contained therein;

(b) Approved the report of the Credentials Committee.

*7th plenary meeting
10 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.7 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 9.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members to the Industrial Development Board to hold office until the close of the fifteenth regular session of the Conference in 2013:

(a) Eighteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I of the Constitution: Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kazakhstan, Namibia, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

(b) Seven members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

(c) Two members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Russian Federation and Ukraine.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

As a result, the Industrial Development Board is composed of the following States: Algeria**, Angola**, Austria**, Belgium*, Cameroon**, Chile**, China*, Colombia*, Costa Rica*, Côte d'Ivoire**, Cuba**, Ecuador*, France*, Germany*, Ghana*, Greece**, Guatemala**, Hungary*, India**, Indonesia**, Iran (Islamic Republic of)**, Iraq**, Ireland**, Italy*, Japan*, Kazakhstan**, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*, Mexico*, Morocco*, Namibia**, Norway*, Pakistan*, Peru**, Philippines*, Poland*, Portugal**, Republic of Korea*, Romania*, Russian Federation**, Saudi Arabia**, Senegal**, South Africa*, Spain**, Sudan*, Sweden*, Switzerland**, Syrian Arab Republic*, Tunisia*, Turkey**, Ukraine**, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*, Uruguay**, Zimbabwe**.

* Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the end of the fourteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2011 (decision GC.12/Dec.7 of 7 December 2007).

** Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the fifteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2013 (decision GC.13/Dec.7 of 11 December 2009).

GC.13/Dec.8 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 10.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members to the Programme and Budget Committee to hold office until the close of the fourteenth regular session of the Conference in 2011:

(a) Fifteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Algeria, Brazil, Cameroon, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, India, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Sudan, Tunisia and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Poland, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.9 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the information in document IDB.36/3;

(b) Also took note of Board decision IDB.36/Dec.7;

(c) Decided to establish a scale of assessments for the regular budget expenditures of UNIDO for the fiscal period 2010-2011, based on United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/237, adjusted to the membership of UNIDO on the understanding that new members shall be assessed for the year in which they become members on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments, as applicable to UNIDO.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.10 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.13/12;

(b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that had not yet paid their assessed contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund and prior years' arrears, to do so without delay;

(c) Requested the Director-General to pursue his efforts and contacts with Member States to effect the collection of arrears.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.11 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of Board decision IDB.36/Dec.8;

(b) Decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2010-2011 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2010-2011 should remain the same as for the biennium 2008-2009, i.e. as stipulated in decision GC.2/Dec.27, paragraph (b);

(c) Urged Member States to pay their outstanding assessed contributions as soon as possible to minimize the need to withdraw sums from the Working Capital Fund to meet shortfalls in the payment of assessed contributions.

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11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.12 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the recommendation of the Industrial Development Board on financial regulations as contained in decision IDB.36/Dec.9;

(b) Also took note of the proposed initial amendments to the Financial Regulations of UNIDO in

light of the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) by 2010, as approved by the General Conference at its twelfth session and as contained in the note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/11);

(c) Decided to adopt the interim amendments to the Financial Regulations of UNIDO as set out in the annex to document IDB.36/11 and deemed necessary for IPSAS adoption effective 1 January 2010, and as set out in the annex to the present decision.

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11 December 2009*

Annex*Proposed amendments to the financial regulations*

ARTICLE II. FINANCIAL PERIODS

Regulation 2.1: The financial period for the purpose of the biennial programme and budgets shall consist of two consecutive calendar years (hereinafter referred to as a biennium), the first of which shall be an even year.

Regulation 2.2: The financial period for the preparation of annual financial statements shall consist of a calendar year (hereinafter referred to as a financial year), starting from 1 January and ending on 31 December inclusive.

ARTICLE III. PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS

Preparation of the budgets

Regulation 3.1: The Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Industrial Development Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") through the Programme and Budget Committee, at a time specified in financial regulation 3.5 a draft programme of work for the following biennium, together with the corresponding estimates for those activities to be financed from the regular budget. The Director-General shall, at the same time, submit proposals and financial estimates for those activities to be financed from voluntary contributions to the Organization.

Regulation 3.2: The financial estimates shall cover income and expenditures for the biennium to which they relate and shall be presented in euros.

Review of the budgets

Regulation 3.5: The Director-General shall, in the second year of each biennium, submit a draft programme of work and the corresponding estimates for the regular budget and the operational budget for the following biennium to the Board through the Programme and Budget Committee, as soon as possible and at the latest forty-five days prior to the opening of the session of that Committee.

Regulation 3.8: The Conference shall, prior to the end of the second year of a biennium, consider and approve by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting the programme of work and the corresponding regular budget and operational budget submitted to it by the Board for the following biennium. The Conference may make amendments in the programme of work and the corresponding budgets, in accordance with financial regulation 3.11.

Supplementary estimates for the current biennium

Regulation 3.9: Supplementary estimates for the current biennium for the regular and operational budgets shall, when required, be submitted by the Director-General. They shall be prepared in a form consistent with the approved budgets, and they shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with the procedure laid down for the initial estimates in regulations 3.5 to 3.8 and 3.11.

Revised estimates for the following biennium

Regulation 3.10: Revised estimates for the following biennium for the regular and operational budgets shall, when required, be submitted by the Director-General. They shall be prepared in a form consistent with the initial estimates in regulations 3.5 to 3.8 and 3.11, and they shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with the procedure laid down for the initial estimates except that the applicable time limits for the submission of documents may be waived if necessary.

Commitments for future bienniums

Regulation 3.12: The Director-General may enter into commitments for future bienniums, provided that such commitments:

(a) Are for activities which have been approved by the Conference and are expected to continue beyond the end of the current biennium; or

(b) Are authorized by specific decisions of the Conference.

ARTICLE IV. BUDGETARY APPROVAL

Current and future bienniums

Regulation 4.2:

(a) Regular budget appropriations shall be available for obligation during the biennium to which they relate;

(b) Regular budget appropriations shall remain available for twelve months following the end of the biennium to which they relate, to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations in respect of goods supplied and services rendered during that biennium and to liquidate any other outstanding obligation of that biennium. The unencumbered balance of the appropriations at the end of a biennium shall be surrendered to the Members at the end of the first financial year following the biennium after deducting therefrom any contributions from Members relating to that biennium which remain unpaid, and shall be credited to the Members in proportion to their assessed contributions in accordance with the provisions of financial regulations 4.2 (c) and 5.2 (d);

(c) At the end of the twelve-month period referred to in subparagraph (b) above, the then remaining balance of any regular budget appropriations retained shall be reported in detail by the Director-General to the External Auditor for examination and review and, after deducting therefrom any contributions from Members relating to the biennium of the appropriations which remain unpaid, shall be surrendered to the Members in proportion to their assessed contributions at the end of the second financial year following the biennium to which the appropriations relate, provided, however, that before the respective share of the balance is surrendered to any Member that has outstanding regular budget obligations to the Organization, those obligations shall first be brought to account. Any unliquidated regular budget obligation of the biennium in question shall at that time either be cancelled or, where the obligation

remains a valid charge, transferred as an obligation against the current appropriations.

Transfer of expenditure

Regulation 4.3:

- (a) No change;
- (b) No change;
- (c) Transfers within major objects of expenditure of the regular budget may be made by the Director-General, who shall inform the Board, through the Programme and Budget Committee, and the Conference thereof as soon as possible provided that in the first biennium following its creation, a Professional-level post may not be transferred to another programme or subprogramme.

ARTICLE V. PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR THE
REGULAR BUDGET

Appropriation and assessment

Regulation 5.1:

- (a) No change;
- (b) No change;
- (c) For each financial year of the biennium, Members shall contribute one half of the total approved amount;
- (d) No change.

Regulation 5.2: For each of the financial years of the biennium, the assessment of Members shall be adjusted in respect of:

- (a) No change;
- (b) Half of the estimated miscellaneous income to the regular budget for the biennium and credits in respect of income not previously taken into account;
- (c) No change;
- (d) No change.

Collection of contributions and advances

Regulation 5.5:

(a) After the Conference has approved the estimates for the regular budget, established the scale of assessments and determined the amount and purposes of the Working Capital Fund, the Director-General shall as soon as possible with respect to each year of the biennium:

- (i) Transmit the relevant documents to Members;
- (ii) Inform Members of their obligations in respect of annual contributions to the regular budget and of advances to the Working Capital Fund;
- (iii) Request Members to remit their contributions and advances;

(b) Contributions and advances shall be due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the communication of the Director-General, referred to in subparagraph (a) above, or as of the first day of the financial year to which it relates, whichever is later. As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such contributions and advances shall be considered to be one year in arrears;

- (c) No change;
- (d) No change;
- (e) No change.

ARTICLE VI. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
AND OTHER INCOME

Regulation 6.5:

- (a) No change;
- (b) Moneys accepted in respect of which no purpose is specified shall be treated as miscellaneous income and reported as “gifts” in the accounts of the financial year.

ARTICLE VIII. INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

Regulation 8.2: The Director-General shall include in the financial statements submitted to the Programme

and Budget Committee and the Board a statement of the investments currently held.

ARTICLE IX. INTERNAL CONTROL

Regulation 9.2: Obligations for the current biennium or commitments for current and future bienniums shall be incurred only after allotments or other appropriate authorizations have been made in writing under the authority of the Director-General.

Ex gratia payments

Regulation 9.3: The Director-General may make such ex gratia payments as he deems to be necessary in the interest of the Organization. A statement of such payments shall be submitted with the annual financial accounts.

Writing-off of losses or deficiencies

Regulation 9.4: The Director-General may, after full investigation, authorize the writing-off of losses of cash, supplies, equipment and other assets other than arrears of assessed contributions, provided that if such write-off involves a substantial amount as determined in the financial rules, the write-off shall require prior approval of the Board upon recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee. A statement of all such amounts written off during each financial year shall be submitted to the External Auditor with the annual financial accounts.

ARTICLE X. THE ACCOUNTS

Accounts and schedules

Regulation 10.2:

(a) The Director-General shall establish such accounts and maintain such accounting records as are necessary, in accordance with the accounting standards framework applicable to the United Nations system organizations;

(b) The Director-General shall prepare and submit financial accounts for each financial year, including:

- (i) A statement of financial position;

- (ii) A statement of financial performance;
 - (iii) A statement of changes in net assets/equity;
 - (iv) A cash flow statement;
 - (v) A comparison of budget and actual amounts on the basis of the budget; and
 - (vi) Notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes;
- (c) For the regular budget, the Director-General also shall prepare and submit:
- (i) The original budget appropriations;
 - (ii) Any supplementary appropriations;
 - (iii) The appropriations as modified by any transfers;
 - (iv) Credits, if any, other than the appropriations voted by the Conference;
 - (v) The amounts charged against those appropriations and/or other credits.

Operational budget accounts

Regulation 10.3: The Director-General shall establish such accounts and maintain such accounting records as are necessary for the purpose of accounting for the income and expenditures of the operational budget, including the Industrial Development Fund and any trust fund, reserve or special account, during each financial year.

Annual financial report

Regulation 10.6: At the beginning of the second financial year of each biennium, the Director-General shall submit to the Programme and Budget Committee a financial report on significant financial developments that have affected the Organization during the first financial year of the biennium concerned.

Submission of accounts

Regulation 10.7: The final accounts for the biennium shall be submitted by the Director-General to the External Auditor not later than 31 March following the end of the biennium to which they relate. Annual accounts for the first financial year of each biennium shall be submitted by the Director-General to the

External Auditor not later than 31 March following the end of the financial year concerned.

ARTICLE XI. EXTERNAL AUDIT

Regulation 11.10: The External Auditor's reports, together with the audited financial statements, shall be completed by not later than 1 June, following the biennium to which they relate and shall be transmitted through the Programme and Budget Committee to the Board in accordance with directions given by the Conference. The Programme and Budget Committee shall examine the financial statements and the audit reports and submit recommendations to the Board, which shall forward them to the Conference with such comments, as it deems appropriate.

GC.13/Dec.13 APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The General Conference decided to extend the current appointment of the Auditor General of Pakistan as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2012, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.14 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2010-2011

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.36/Dec.11 of the Industrial Development Board;

(b) Also took note of the programme and budget proposals for the biennium 2010-2011 as contained in document IDB.36/7;

(c) Approved estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €161,819,688 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €156,609,188 and other income of €5,210,500;

(d) Also approved estimates of gross expenditures totalling €22,806,877 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to be financed from voluntary contributions in the amount of €22,187,677 and other income amounting to

€619,200 as may be provided for in the financial regulations;

(e) Further approved the partial utilization of the accumulated balance of the reserve for exchange rate fluctuations to finance any shortfall in the income estimates in order to fully implement the programmes as described in document IDB.36/7.

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11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.15 UNUTILIZED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the documentation submitted by the Director-General on unutilized balances of appropriations (IDB.36/12 and Add.1, GC.13/8 and Add.1 and GC.13/CRP.3*);

(b) Recalled Board decision IDB.36/Dec.12 on unutilized balances of appropriations;

(c) Also took note of the feasibility study on a comprehensive change management initiative contained in the report by the Director-General which, inter alia, highlights the unique challenges being faced by the Organization in terms of potential implications on future funding for technical cooperation activities, institutionalization of results-based management, effective utilization of field resources, contributing to United Nations system-wide coherence and the serious risk of breakdowns of outdated systems (GC.13/8/Add.1);

(d) Requested the Director-General to provide information on the various cost elements of the enterprise resource planning system for the Organization, as referred to in decision IDB.36/Dec.12, to the Board at its thirty-eighth session;

(e) Recalled that the proposed programme and budgets for the biennium 2010-2011 did not contain dedicated budgetary resources for the change management initiative and replacement of the outdated information technology systems;

(f) Further took note of the report of the Vice-President of the Board on the implementation of decision IDB.36/Dec.12 (GC.13/17);

(g) Recalled conclusion 2009/3 and decision IDB.36/Dec.12, in which respectively the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board decided that unutilized balances of appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007 amounting to €6.8 million should be returned to Member States in accordance with the Financial Regulations of UNIDO;

(h) Decided, as an exceptional measure, without setting a precedent for the future work of the Organization and taking into account the unique challenges faced by the Organization, that from the amount of unutilized balances of appropriations due to Member States in 2010 remaining on 31 December 2009, up to €9,113,949 shall be utilized for financing the change management initiative, and up to €3 million shall be utilized for special accounts for technical cooperation activities during the biennium 2010-2011, aimed at (i) increased food security through agribusiness and agro-industry promotion, and (ii) renewable energy for productive activities;

(i) Requested the Director-General to implement the present decision in consultation with Member States and in accordance with the recommendations contained in the feasibility study (GC.13/8/Add.1) by selecting the most suitable and sustainable technical solution that is feasible considering the financial provisions of paragraph (h) above, augmented by any budgetary savings from the Major Programmes other than C, D, E and F that might become available during the implementation period. All funds for the implementation of the change management initiative shall be managed through a special account established for this purpose, which shall remain open throughout the duration of the implementation process;

(j) Strongly encouraged Member States to contribute voluntarily to the special accounts mentioned in paragraphs (h) and (i) above;

(k) Requested the Director-General to report to the Board at its thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions, through the Programme and Budget Committee, on the implementation of the present decision.

Note: The African Group reserved its position on this decision.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.16 UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of Board decision IDB.36/Dec.14;

(b) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2010-2011:

Members: Ms. Gloria Maria (Ecuador)
Polastri Amat

Ms. Ilse Adonis (South Africa)

Alternate Mr. Satya Rodrigo (Sri Lanka)

members: Ms. Lauren Keyte (United Kingdom)

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.17 NEW SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the report of the Director-General and of the note by the Secretariat on the new social security agreement with the Republic of Austria (IDB.36/20 and GC.13/19);

(b) Also took note of the recommendation of the Board in decision IDB.36/Dec.15;

(c) Decided to approve the new social security agreement with the Republic of Austria as contained in the annex to document GC.13/19;

(d) Authorized the Director-General to bring the new agreement into force in the manner prescribed in paragraph 1 of article 18 thereof.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.18 APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.36/Dec.4;

(b) In accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, decided to appoint Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella as Director-General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 8 December 2009 or until the Director-General to be appointed at the fifteenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

*1st plenary meeting
7 December 2009*

GC.13/Dec.19 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.36/Dec.5;

(b) Approved the contract annexed to the present decision, which establishes the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General, including the salary and emoluments attached to the office.

*1st plenary meeting
7 December 2009*

Annex

DRAFT CONTRACT FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

THIS CONTRACT is made

between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) for the one part

and Kandeh Kolloh YUMKELLA (hereinafter called the Director-General) for the other part.

WHEREAS

The Director-General, upon recommendation of the Board, has been duly appointed by the Conference

at its thirteenth session held from 7 to 11 December 2009.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Term of Office

The Director-General shall be appointed for a period of four years from the eighth day of December two thousand nine (2009), or until the Director-General to be appointed at the fifteenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

2. Official Duty Station

The official duty station for the Director-General shall be Vienna, Austria.

3. Official Duties

In accordance with Article 11 of the Constitution of the Organization, the Director-General shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization.

4. Privileges and Immunities

The Director-General shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities in keeping with his office as determined by the Constitution of the Organization, Article 21, and any relevant legal instruments already in force or to be concluded in the future.

5. Staff Regulations

The Director-General shall be subject to the Staff Regulations of the Organization, together with such amendments as may be made thereto, in so far as they are applicable to him.

Assessable Salary and Allowances

(a) The annual gross salary of the Director-General shall be US dollars two hundred and thirty nine thousand six hundred thirty-one (239,631), corresponding to an annual net base salary equivalent to US dollars one hundred and sixty eight thousand seven hundred and sixty (168,760) (dependency rate) or US dollars one hundred and fifty thousand seventy-nine (150,079) (single rate) respectively. The gross and net base salary shall be adjusted whenever the General Assembly decides to adjust the gross and net base salary levels of staff in the Professional and higher categories;

(b) He shall receive post adjustment, allowances and benefits, including social security benefits, for which a staff member in the Professional

category of the UNIDO Secretariat would be eligible under the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of the Organization, provided the purpose of such emolument, allowance or benefit has not already been met by other provisions of the present contract;

(c) The Director-General shall receive a representation allowance of Euros thirty two thousand and one hundred (32,100) per annum, adjusted for the budgeted annual inflation rate, to meet his share of the obligations which the Organization incurs in the form of representation and hospitality expenditure;

(d) He shall receive a housing allowance amounting to Euros fifty thousand and five hundred (50,500) per annum adjusted for the budgeted annual inflation rate;

(e) The above salary, allowances and benefits to which the Director-General is entitled under this agreement shall be subject to adjustment by the Board, after consultations with the Director-General, to keep them in line with those of the executive heads of other specialized agencies within the common system of the United Nations.

7. Pension and After-Service Health Insurance

(a) The Director-General shall participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in accordance with the provisions of decision IDB.10/Dec.17 (d) of the Industrial Development Board. His pensionable remuneration shall be determined and adjusted in accordance with the provisions of articles 54 (c) and (b) of the regulations and rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(b) The Director-General shall be eligible for subsidized after-service health insurance as continuation of his in-service health insurance coverage as of the date he will be in receipt of a deferred retirement benefit from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

8. Currency of Payments

Payments will be effected in the currency applicable to staff in the Professional and higher categories serving at the official duty station Vienna, Austria.

9. Notice of Resignation

The Director-General may at any time give three months' notice of resignation in writing to the Board, which is authorized to accept his resignation on behalf of the General Conference, in which case, upon expiration of such period of notice, he shall cease to be Director-General of the Organization and this contract shall terminate.

10. Entry into Force

This contract shall enter into force as of the eighth day of December 2009.

SIGNED this seventh day of December 2009 at Vienna.

Ali Asghar Soltanieh
President of the Conference
acting on behalf of the
Organization

Kandeh Kolleh Yumkella
Director-General

GC.13/Dec.20 DATE AND PLACE OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

The General Conference:

(a) Noted that the fourteenth session of the Conference had been tentatively scheduled for 28 November to 2 December 2011 in Vienna, as stated in the annotated agenda (GC.13/1/Add.1);

(b) Acknowledged the expression of interest by Indonesia to host the fourteenth session of the Conference;

(c) Requested the Director-General to undertake the necessary consultations with that Member State, with particular regard to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

(d) Delegated to the Industrial Development Board, in accordance with Article 8 (2) (b) and Article 8 (4) of the Constitution of UNIDO, the authority to consider and determine at its thirty-seventh session the venue and date of the fourteenth session of the General Conference.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

Resolutions

GC.13/Res.1 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The General Conference,

Aware of the relevance of initiatives oriented at contributing to improving the financial management of UNIDO,

Requests the Industrial Development Board at its thirty-seventh session to explore the possibility of reconvening an informal open-ended working group on the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Res.2 REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The General Conference,

Recalling resolution GC.11/Res.1, entitled regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, in which the Director-General was requested to establish a regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Also recalling resolution GC.12/Res.1, entitled regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, in which the Director-General was requested to adopt the necessary measures so that the activities in execution of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean are duly reflected in the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, in order to sustain the work initiated,

Further recalling decision IDB.36/Dec.3, entitled regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, in which the Director-General was requested to update the existing initiatives and define new activities; to continue to develop the strategy for the mobilization of voluntary resources for the effective implementation of the activities, projects and programmes contained in the regional programme; and to provide an updated report on the current status of implementation of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, which was approved during the second expert group meeting in

November 2007, including contributions, disbursements and remaining balances,

Recognizing the joint efforts of Member States and the Secretariat with the objective of defining the regional programme, and in particular the conclusions contained in the document approved by the second expert group meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Vienna from 28 to 30 November 2007,

Considering that the realities and needs of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, at the regional and national levels, as well as the different integration processes and the current initiatives, should be taken into account when identifying, planning and implementing UNIDO's technical cooperation activities in the region through close consultation with the Secretariat,

Further considering that the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean was conceived in order to establish a framework of action for the medium- and long-term work of UNIDO to support the industrial development efforts of the countries in the region,

Emphasizing the need that UNIDO, drawing from the experience gathered in the formulation and execution of technical cooperation programmes in various countries in the Latin American and Caribbean region, address also the challenges and opportunities that affect the sustainable industrial development in the entire region,

Taking into account that decision IDB.36/Dec.3 has not yet been fully implemented,

Considering that in the above-mentioned resolutions and decision, the Secretariat was requested, inter alia, to continue its efforts, in close consultation with the Member States in the region, to identify and mobilize voluntary financial resources which would permit the implementation of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Requests the Director-General:

(a) To continue to undertake all the necessary actions to complete the full implementation of the

regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;

(b) To provide an updated report before March 2010 on the current status of the implementation of the regional programme, which was approved during the second expert group meeting in November 2007, including contributions, disbursements and remaining balances;

(c) To update and improve the existing initiatives and define new activities, projects and programmes in the three priority areas of the Organization, considering the realities and needs of the Latin American and Caribbean countries with emphasis on the regional level, in close consultation with the Member States of the region; and, to that effect, to convene, within existing resources, the third meeting of experts, to be held in 2010, with policymakers and experts, including staff of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices, to be identified by the Secretariat in consultation with the Member States;

(d) To continue his efforts, in consultation with the Member States of the region, to identify and mobilize additional voluntary financial resources required for the full implementation of the programme, at the same time calling upon the international community to provide financial support to the programme;

(e) To inform on a regular basis the members of the group of the Latin American and Caribbean countries about the implementation of ongoing programmes and the resource mobilization strategy for the effective implementation of the activities, projects and programmes contained in the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;

(f) To report periodically to the policymaking organs of UNIDO on the measures adopted in fulfilment of the present resolution.

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11 December 2009*

GC.13/Res.3 MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK, 2010-2013

The General Conference,

Recalling its decision GC.2/Dec.23, as amended in decision GC.6/Dec.10, requesting the

Director-General to submit to the Board a medium-term programme framework,

Acknowledging the importance of providing the Organization with a comprehensive and coherent framework to respond effectively to the challenges of a rapidly changing environment for industrial development,

Expressing its appreciation for the contents of the medium-term programme framework as contained in IDB.35/8/Add.1, in particular the combination of programme continuity and a number of programmatic enhancements,

Welcoming the new format and innovative features, especially the introduction of programmatic components, the envisaged alignment with the programme and budgets preparation and the introduction of an aggregate results matrix with performance indicators,

Also welcoming the presentation of separate regional programmes in the medium-term programme framework for Africa, the Arab region, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Newly Independent States, Latin America and the Caribbean, including the introduction of region-specific response strategies,

1. *Recognizes* that the medium-term programme framework is an important and flexible tool for implementing the Organization's mandates;

2. *Takes* note with appreciation of the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013;

3. *Invites* the Director-General to report on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework in the annual report.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

GC.13/Res.4 MULTILINGUALISM AT UNIDO

The General Conference,

Recalling that the universality of UNIDO is based, inter alia, on multilingualism and respect for the equality and diversity of the languages chosen by Member States,

Recalling also that, in accordance with article 61 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference,

article 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Industrial Development Board and article 55 of the Rules of Procedure of the Programme and Budget Committee, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish are the languages of the General Conference, the Industrial Development Board and the Programme and Budget Committee,

Recalling, moreover, all United Nations General Assembly resolutions related to the official languages of all United Nations organs,

Underscoring the importance, for industrial development, of ensuring that all Member States and also the general public, particularly in developing countries, enjoy the greatest possible access to the Organization's information and documentation,

Noting the necessity of balanced use of six official languages in the work of the Secretariat,

1. *Emphasizes* the paramount importance of the equality of the six languages of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

2. *Requests* the Director-General to take, within existing resources, all measures necessary to ensure strict implementation of the rules of the Organization that govern its language arrangements with respect both to the Organization's relations with its Member States and to the use of languages in the work of the Secretariat;

3. *Stresses* the importance of respect for the equality of official United Nations languages of the Secretariat, and *requests* the Director-General to continue taking appropriate measures thereon, in conformity with Article 11, paragraph 5 of the Constitution of UNIDO;

4. *Requests* the Director-General to designate a coordinator for multilingualism within existing posts in the Organization;

5. *Also requests* the Director-General to take all measures necessary to ensure that the Organization's basic technical information, whether written, audiovisual or digital, is disseminated in the languages of the Organization on the basis of the needs and priorities of the different regions and countries, in order to provide all Member States with the greatest possible access;

6. *Stresses* the importance, in application of United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/266 on multilingualism, of providing information, technical assistance (documents and expertise) and training materials relating to the Organization in the languages of the beneficiary countries, when those languages are languages of the Organization;

7. *Requests* the Director-General to continue, within existing resources and without detriment of resources designated to technical cooperation, the task of uploading the already translated essential material, issued since UNIDO became a specialized agency, onto the Organization's website in all six official languages;

8. *Also requests* the Director-General to ensure, within existing resources, that, by using new information and communication technologies, the Organization's latest documents are made accessible on its website in all languages of the Organization, and also to progressively develop the possibilities of making the website home page, navigation and research tools and search results available in all of the Organization's languages;

9. *Further requests* the Director-General to establish cooperative arrangements with educational institutions in order to increase the number of web pages available in the Organization's languages;

10. *Requests* the Director-General to present to the Industrial Development Board at its thirty-seventh session a progress report on the implementation of this resolution.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

**GC.13/Res.5 VIENNA MINISTERIAL
DECLARATION AND PLAN OF
ACTION OF THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

The General Conference,

Taking note of the Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries convened in Vienna on 3 and 4 December 2009,

Also taking note of the Vienna Ministerial Declaration and the Plan of Action of the Least Developed Countries adopted by the Ministerial

Conference and contained in the annex to the present resolution,

1. *Invites* the Director-General, in implementing the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013, to take special account of the Plan of Action and Declaration adopted at the 2009 LDC Ministerial Conference on 4 December in Vienna, and *urges* UNIDO and all relevant development partners to contribute towards achieving the objectives of the Plan of Action in the lead-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Turkey in 2011 and beyond;

2. *Requests* the Director-General to report on related UNIDO activities to the next LDC Conference, as well as to the next session of the General Conference, on the implementation of the present resolution.

*8th plenary meeting
11 December 2009*

Annex

2009 Least Developed Countries Ministerial Plan of Action

Introduction

1. The global economic crisis that emanated from the financial institutions of the North in 2007/8, quickly developed into a global recession with far-reaching impact. While a great deal has been written and said about the effect of the crisis on more developed countries and the need for greater regulation of the financial sector, its implications on the productive sectors among the world's 49 Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are far less clear.

2. The group of Countries designated as Least Developed Countries by the United Nations constitute the most disadvantaged and vulnerable countries in the world. Characteristics of LDCs include high levels of poverty, structural and resource weaknesses, and acute susceptibility to external economic factors, climate change and disasters. Of the total of 49 countries currently categorized as LDCs, 33 are located in Africa, 15 in Asia and the Pacific and one in the Americas.

3. Since the late 1960s, the United Nations system has paid increasing attention to the specific needs of LDCs. The first United Nations Conference on LDCs was held in Paris in 1981, resulting in a comprehensive Substantial New Programme of Action (SNPA) for the 1980s for the LDCs. The SNPA was subsequently endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981. This was followed by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCII) in Paris in 1990 leading to the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the LDCs. Subsequently, the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCIII) was held in Brussels, hosted by the European Union, from 14 to 20 May 2001, resulting in the Brussels Programme of Action.

4. As the decade for the Brussels Programme of Action draws to a close, we have witnessed an unprecedented period of economic growth among LDCs based primarily on a boom in the terms of trade for primary commodities over the period 2000-2007. However, this trend was uneven and came to an abrupt end in 2008, when the world experienced an exceptional increase in primary commodity prices for both food and energy. The situation rapidly resulted in high inflation rates and growing concern over food shortages globally, followed by a sudden collapse in commodity prices. Furthermore the ongoing global and financial crisis threatens to reverse the gains made in recent years.

5. Among the LDCs, the focus was on imported food and energy prices, and the vulnerability of the general population to price-induced food shortages. The susceptibility of imported food supplies to external factors set alarm bells ringing among the populations of many poorer nations exhibiting inadequate levels of affordable and local food production.

6. The experience of the last decade and the current global recession points to the need for greater economic resilience among LDCs. Partners are agreed that the answer to building such resilience is in greater economic diversification, and moving away from dependence on (a) food imports and non-renewable resources and (b) the export of a narrow range of primary commodities.

7. In the context of the above and lessons learned, LDCs should focus on industrialization and

modernization, particularly in the following key sectors and drivers of diversification:

- a. Agro-industries;
- b. Innovation, technology transfer and productivity;
- c. Private sector development and investment;
- d. Industrial infrastructure;
- e. Policy space, governance and institution-building.

I. Objectives

8. This Plan of Action has the overall aim of enhancing productive capacities for economic development among LDCs.

9. More concretely, the objective is to achieve economic diversification among LDCs in order to enhance food security and productive capacities and to reduce vulnerability to external shocks.

10. With the lessons from the crisis in mind, United Nations agencies and development partners will increasingly concentrate their efforts on supporting economic diversification among LDCs as the overall theme of their future agenda and work with LDCs.

11. Within the above framework, this Plan of Action helps define a road map among various partners in the build up to LDC-IV in 2011, and to identify concrete solutions to the problem of diversification over the next decade.

II. Approach

12. In their efforts to achieve the above-mentioned objectives, United Nations agencies and development partners must adopt pragmatic, flexible, and locally and regionally pertinent approaches to issues such as development policy, trade regimes, the role of the state and the policy space for LDC decision-makers.

13. Special attention will be paid to identifying public-private partnership opportunities and best practices in all sectors, as well as institutional capacities and related issues.

14. Intellectual property rights as they relate to industry should be used to support the development of LDCs.

15. Without losing focus on productive capacities and economic diversification, the policy review will include pertinent analyses of trade issues in all sectors under study as deemed necessary.

16. Where necessary, and without prejudice, United Nations agencies and development partners will prepare policy advice and recommendations on which local, regional and global practices, institutions or agreements are in need of reform and how.

17. In all their efforts under this Plan of Action, United Nations agencies will pay special attention to ensuring synergies, coordination and complementarities with regards to their assistance programmes for LDCs.

18. The policy proposals will include a review of the potential role of transnational corporations in various sectors with particular attention to specific approaches and solutions to the transfer of know-how and technology.

19. While LDCs are the least polluting countries globally, the policies and programmes will pay particular attention, where appropriate, to green industries and green and renewable technologies as promising sectors for economic renewal and modernization.

20. United Nations agencies and development partners will mobilize and provide appropriate technical and adequate financial assistance for LDCs to cope with the adverse environmental impacts of climate change.

21. In addition, there will be special consideration of the growing role of South-South cooperation and its rising potential in all sectors identified. In addition special support will be given to regional integration processes.

22. United Nations agencies and partners will partner with key academic and research and development institutions with proven track records in the focus areas outlined above as well as with relevant regional economic commissions and interested donors.

23. The proposals will also address resource constraint issues and various scenarios for private and public fundraising in identified sectors with focus on local, regional and global possibilities for LDCs.

III. Policy and strategies

24. United Nations agencies and development partners will scale up their policy and research inputs in support of LDCs in the period leading up to LDC-IV expected to be held in Turkey in mid-2011. This will be concentrated on the five priority areas as key drivers of diversification for LDCs:

- a. Agro-industries;
- b. Innovation, technology transfer and productivity;
- c. Private sector development and investment;
- d. Industrial infrastructure;
- e. Policy space, governance and institution-building.

25. In these five priority areas, particular attention will be paid to human resource development with specialized skills for absorption of appropriate technologies and know-how.

26. The time available is sufficient for in-depth analysis in the five thematic areas, starting from regional studies in 2010, and leading to a global publication by mid-2011 for distribution at LDC-IV.

Agro-industries

27. Agriculture is the pivotal sector in the LDCs, as it underpins food security, foreign exchange earnings, industrial and rural development, and employment generation. Existing and new research will be compiled into succinct and pertinent policy and strategy proposals for various regions and LDC groupings.

Innovation, technology transfer and productivity

28. Technology management and acquisition together with low productivity remain among the biggest obstacles to economic development and diversification among LDCs. While some developing countries have made major strides in recent decades, LDCs on the whole remain locked in low technology and low productivity. The United Nations agencies and partners will bring together a wide array of research and studies to develop clear and appropriate response strategies for various LDCs.

Private sector development and investment

29. In a climate of financial crisis and severe competition, access to investment resources for further growth of a more diversified range of small, medium and large enterprises is severely hampered. Nevertheless, there are clear success stories among many developing countries in recent decades. The policy and strategy proposals of development partners must be further coordinated and strengthened in order to identify clear-cut solutions, factors of resilience and innovative approaches that can help discover local, regional and wider resources and solutions (inter alia, through the use of systems such as BOT), and reduce overdependence on FDI for stimulating local business development and investments. Attention will be paid to promoting public-private partnerships. In addition, the important role of the informal sector must be recognized, and mechanisms established to develop them further and to graduate to formal SMEs. LDCs and partners will join efforts to highlight strategic responses and promising sectors.

Industrial infrastructure

30. Despite important advances in several countries, the development of industrial infrastructure remains a strong challenge for most LDCs. Tied in closely with the challenges of technology dependence, investment generation and high costs of unsustainable energy resources, LDCs and partners will work together to highlight success stories, and innovative and practical solutions in the areas of infrastructure development such as water and transport and energy generation.

Policy space, governance and institution-building

31. The experience of the LDCs and various development cooperation partners over the past few decades clearly points to the need for a new development paradigm. In the lead up to LDC-IV, LDCs and partners will work together to carve out the contours of a new approach that is pragmatic and flexible, with emphasis on locally and regionally pertinent approaches to issues such as development policy, trade regimes, governance, and policy space for LDC decision-makers.

IV. Programmes

32. In line with the above objectives and approach, LDCs and development partners will launch a concerted effort to scale up their technical cooperation efforts geared toward the enhancement of productive sectors.

33. These will build on existing interagency and multi-sectoral mechanisms and approaches of various parties, for example through the Enhanced Integrated Framework mechanism and the Aid for Trade agenda.

34. Direct synergies will be created between the research work outlined above and demonstration/pilot projects, best practices with demonstrated results providing an opportunity to combine theory and practice, and to revisit the issues by the MDGs' target year of 2015. This will provide a useful opportunity for a second round of stock-taking and lesson-learning within five years.

35. LDCs and development partners will aim to obtain greater allocation of national and partners' resources for productive capacity-building programmes, including a fundraising strategy.

36. One of the key programmatic areas of concentration will be the integration of diversification and allocation of necessary resources in national and subregional policies and strategies of LDCs and their development partners alike.

V. Follow-up mechanism

37. The Secretariat will submit six-monthly progress reports to the Conference Bureau (the Conference Chair, Vice Chair and Rapporteur) in the period leading up to LDC-IV in Turkey.

Ministerial Declaration

We the Ministers of Industry representing the governments of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), participating in the UNIDO-UN-OHRLLS Conference on the "Impact of the Economic Crisis on LDCs' Productive Capacities and Trade Prospects: Threats and Opportunities",

Gathered here in Vienna in December 2009, in the penultimate year of the Brussels Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2001-2010,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the principles set out in the Millennium Declaration and the Brussels Declaration and their recognition of the shared responsibility to uphold dignity and a decent standard of living for all humanity,

Reiterating productive capacity-building and the need for economic diversification and balanced trade as top priorities for LDCs' wealth generation and economic development in line with Commitments 4, 5 and 7 of the Brussels Programme of Action related to productive capacity-building, trade and mobilizing financial resources,

Determined to reinvigorate national, regional and international partnerships and efforts in support of balanced and sustainable economic development within an open, stable and objective policy space,

Recognizing that despite relative successes in terms of economic growth among LDCs since the turn of the new Millennium, the LDCs remain largely marginalized and excessively dependent on the export of primary commodities and the import of food products, and the exploitation of non-renewable natural resources,

Mindful that the goals of the Brussels Programme of Action are unlikely to be met by the end of the decade due to long-standing structural impediments coupled with the alarming impact and implications of the current global economic and financial crises for the development prospects, food security and energy security of LDCs,

Concerned that the current global economic and financial crises threaten to reverse the gains made by LDCs in recent years,

Having adopted a Plan of Action for LDCs in anticipation of the forthcoming United Nations LDC-IV Conference to be convened in Turkey in 2011, as called for by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 63/227 of 19 December 2008,

Recalling the Sixth LDC Trade Ministers' Meeting held from 14 to 16 October 2009 in Dar es Salaam, and the Ezulwini Declaration adopted in Swaziland in October 2009, regarding landlocked developing countries.

Declare that:

1. We remain firmly **committed** to the principles and aims of the Millennium Declaration and the Brussels Declaration and its Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2001-2010,

2. We **believe** that the prosperity of all nations and peoples are interconnected and interdependent, and that the current global recession has reaffirmed the need for international solidarity for the mutual benefit of all humanity,

3. We **recognize** that the primary responsibility for development in LDCs rests with the LDCs themselves, but that international partnership and cooperation is important in this endeavour including with the private sector and civil society,

4. We are **convinced** that effective development must be based on sustained economic diversification and growth based on nationally owned industrialization and modernization of the economy, enhancing productive capacity-building strategies, raising quality and standards, transfer of technology, improved competitiveness, and the allocation of adequate national resources for building productive capacities,

5. We **pledge** our support to green industrialization of LDCs in providing necessary infrastructure for energy, transport, water and other activities, with assistance from development partners,

6. We are **particularly concerned** that total global aid commitments earmarked for productive sectors stood at only \$7.5 billion in 2007 against a total global aid flow of \$121 billion, representing a mere 6 per cent of the total,

7. We **believe** that an appropriate balance needs to be struck between the role of the state and the private sector in each country context, and that the relative positions of these should be determined locally rather than through external prescriptions and conditionalities,

8. We **commit** ourselves to seizing the opportunity provided by the upcoming LDC-IV in Turkey in 2011 to proactively work towards redirecting national and international development cooperation efforts and resources towards economic diversification and the development of productive capacities in LDCs, through technology transfer, human resource development, infrastructure development, private sector development, intensifying intra-regional trade and

South-South cooperation, research and development, and strengthening leading sectors,

9. We **call on** all United Nations agencies and development partners concerned with support to LDCs' industrialization and modernization by enhancing productive capacities to redouble their programmatic efforts in this area and document relevant policy lessons, including stock-taking exercises in some LDCs and sharing of best practices, in the period leading up to LDC-IV starting from the national and regional to the global levels, and **urge** our development partners to allocate more of their aid contributions toward productive activities in LDCs, and

10. We further **call for** an early and ambitious conclusion of the WTO Doha Round of Negotiations, which will ensure beneficial integration of LDC in the multilateral trading system.

Adopted on 4 December 2009, Vienna

[Signed]

H.E. Mr. Ahmadou Abdoulaye DIALLO

Minister of Industry, Investments and Commerce, Mali
Vice-Chair of the 2009 LDC Ministerial Conference

GC.13/Res.6 THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF THE PRODUCTIVE SECTORS IN SUPPORTING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The General Conference,

Recalling resolution GC.10/Res.5 on the role of UNIDO in achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

Also recalling decision IDB.36/Dec.13 on United Nations system-wide coherence: UNIDO's role, and in particular paragraph (d) of the same decision stressing the essential contribution of industrial development in achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

Underlining the importance of achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

Stressing the key role of the productive sectors in reducing poverty and supporting sustainable development,

Noting that the development of the productive sectors is necessary to achieve the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Takes note of* the initiative taken in the Chief Executives Board Inter-agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity on the contribution of industrial development, in particular the productive sectors, to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

2. *Requests* the Director-General to report on specific means through which UNIDO can further contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals to the thirty-seventh session of the Industrial Development Board before the 2010 high-level plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

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11 December 2009*

GC.13/Res.7 COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The General Conference,

Recalling that the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO called for an effective decentralization of activities and strengthened field representation,

Recalling its resolution GC.10/Res.2 encouraging the Director-General to carry forward the process of decentralization to the field and further strengthen and rationalize the field operations of the Organization,

Also recalling that UNIDO's strategic long-term vision statement, as adopted in resolution GC.11/Res.4, stresses that an effective decentralization of the Organization's functions and activities to the field be continued and strengthened, as one of the regional dimensions of UNIDO's work,

Further recalling its resolution GC.11/Res.5 on the cooperation agreement with the United Nations Development Programme,

Taking into account the findings and recommendations of the joint terminal evaluation of the implementation of the cooperation agreement between the United Nations Industrial Development

Organization and the United Nations Development Programme (GC.13/6 and GC.13/CRP.1), and the joint management response thereto (GC.13/7),

1. *Expresses thanks* to the staff of the UNDP and UNIDO evaluation offices and the independent consultants for their efforts in carrying out the terminal evaluation;

2. *Appreciates* the reform policies, and in particular the field mobility scheme for the Professional staff, introduced by the current Director-General;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of recent administrative initiatives transforming UNIDO into a more effective and efficient Organization, capable of better addressing the needs of developing countries;

4. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To continue undertaking measures towards effective decentralization, inter alia, through redeployment of human resources and appropriate delegation of authority to field offices;

(b) To conclude an appropriate operational and administrative arrangement with UNDP in 2010, consistent with the findings and recommendations of the joint terminal evaluation and taking into account the requirements of Member States. In this regard, particular attention should be placed on the review of the functioning of UNIDO desks established within UNDP premises and the role of UNIDO desks;

(c) To report to the Industrial Development Board at its thirty-seventh session on the follow-up to the present resolution, including on the following aspects:

(i) Ways and means of strengthening and enhancing UNIDO's field representation, taking into account the recommendations of the joint terminal evaluation, with the objective of improving technical cooperation delivery;

(ii) A comprehensive impact analysis of any envisaged field representation expansion on technical cooperation delivery and programme implementation, as well as its long-term financial implications, in close consultation with Member States;

(iii) The establishment of a selection and review mechanism, taking into account the discussions at

previous sessions of the governing bodies on this matter.

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**GC.13/Res.8 UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN THE
FIELD OF ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENT**

The General Conference,

Recognizing that industrialization is key to economic growth and development of all nations,

Affirming the legitimate right of developing countries in improving the lives of their people through industrialization,

Emphasizing the importance of sustained economic growth and sustainable development for the future of the globe,

Recalling the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO as endorsed by the General Conference in resolution GC.7/Res.1,

Also recalling UNIDO's strategic long-term vision statement as adopted in resolution GC.11/Res.4,

Further recalling General Conference resolutions GC.8/Res.2 "Global Environment Facility and technical cooperation activities" and GC.10/Res.5 "Role of UNIDO in achieving the Millennium Development Goals",

Welcoming UNIDO's role in the "Clean Technology Forum", held in Manama, Bahrain, from 2 to 4 February 2009, the Vienna Energy Conference held from 22 to 24 June 2009, the International Conference on Green Industry in Asia held in Manila, the Philippines from 9 to 11 September 2009 and the Global Renewable Energy Forum held in León, Mexico, from 7 to 9 October 2009,

Taking note of the outcomes of the above-mentioned conferences, as well as initiatives such as the Resource-Efficient and Cleaner Production Conference held in Lucerne, Switzerland, from 20 to 22 October 2009,

1. *Requests* the Director-General to continue to develop, within the Organization's mandate under

the thematic priority environment and energy, activities towards sustainable industrial development, including:

(a) Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013, to promote and raise awareness of cleaner, resource-efficient and sustainable low-carbon pattern of production and investment;

(b) Follow-up on the recommendations of the relevant conferences in the field of environment and energy;

(c) Exploiting the increasing relevant funding opportunities available for the purpose of enhancing UNIDO's contribution to global, regional and national efforts to address climate change;

(d) Continuation of assistance in the fields of renewable energy for productive uses, industrial energy efficiency, cleaner production, green industries and sustainable low carbon emissions industries, including capacity-building required to shift to more sustainable patterns of production;

(e) Collection and dissemination of best industrial practices on the most suitable environmentally sound technologies, and explore, in consultation with Member States, an institutional mechanism to support this idea;

(f) Formulation and implementation of programmes, including facilitating the transfer of adequate technologies, for changes in product design and production technology which maximize the reuse and recycling of resources;

(g) Strengthening the role of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices, the National Cleaner Production Centres, the South-South Cooperation Centres, the International Centre for Science and High Technology, the Renewable Energy Observatory for Latin America and the UNIDO International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies in order to promote and facilitate the access of developing countries to the appropriate advanced technologies;

(h) Fostering, in line with national needs and priorities, transfer of adequate technologies for renewable energy in all its forms;

(i) Coordination and cooperation, through appropriate cooperation mechanisms including agreements on the implementation of projects and

initiatives, within the framework of UN-Energy, with other international and regional organizations in the field of environment and energy in order to create synergies and avoid duplication;

(j) Acceleration of the implementation of the initiatives co-financed by the Global Environment Facility, and intensifying discussions both with beneficiary countries and all possible donors, including multilateral funding institutions on projects approved by the Global Environment Facility;

2. *Encourages* the Secretariat to strengthen its efforts for mobilizing funds for the implementation of the above-mentioned activities;

3. *Invites* the development partners to enhance their financial support to the Organization for the implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the Director-General to submit a report on the progress made in implementing the present resolution to the Industrial Development Board at its thirty-eighth session.

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Annex
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thirteenth regular session**

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