



## General Conference

### Fourteenth regular session

Vienna, 28 November-2 December 2011

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## **Introductory note**

1. The decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its fourteenth regular session (2011) are reproduced in the present document.
2. The table of contents, for ease of reference, lists a serial number by which each decision or resolution may be cited, the title of each decision and resolution, the pertinent background document(s), a reference to the summary record of the plenary meeting at which the decision or resolution was adopted and the relevant agenda item. Decisions and resolutions are, as far as possible, set out in the order of the agenda.
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 fourteenth 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 2009 and 2010.
8. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth 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) Financial regulations;
  - (e) Appointment of an External Auditor.
11. Medium-term programme framework:
  - (a) Aligning the medium-term programme framework planning cycle with the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
  - (b) Midterm review of the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013.
12. UNIDO activities related to energy and environment.
13. UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade and job creation.
14. Programme and budgets, 2012-2013.
15. Review of the progress of the deliberations of the informal working group.
16. UNIDO Staff Pension Committee.
17. UNIDO activities related to the 2009 Vienna Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action of the Least Developed Countries.
18. Modification of the map attached to the Headquarters Agreement.
19. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
20. Date and place of the fifteenth session.
21. Closure of the session.

## Decisions

### GC.14/Dec.1 INCLUSION OF MEMBER STATES IN THE LISTS OF STATES OF ANNEX I TO THE CONSTITUTION

*2<sup>nd</sup> plenary meeting  
28 November 2011*

The General Conference decided to include Samoa, Tajikistan and Tuvalu in List A of Annex I to the Constitution.

*1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting  
28 November 2011*

### GC.14/Dec.2 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation H.E. Ms. Verónica Sión (Ecuador) President of the Conference at its fourteenth session.

*1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting  
28 November 2011*

### GC.14/Dec.3 ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its fourteenth session: H.E. Mrs. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), H.E. Mrs. Florence Mangin (France), H.E. Mr. Ukur Kanacho Yatani (Kenya), H.E. Mr. Enkhsaikhan Jargalsaikhan (Mongolia), H.E. Ms. Lourdes Yparraguirre (Philippines), H.E. Mr. Gennady Gatilov (Russian Federation), Mr. Vasyl Pokotylo (Ukraine), H.E. Mr. Carlos Barros Oreiro (Uruguay), H.E. Mrs. Grace Tsitsi Mutandiro (Zimbabwe).

*1<sup>st</sup> plenary meeting  
28 November 2011*

### GC.14/Dec.4 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 fourteenth session as contained in document GC.14/1/Rev.1.

### GC.14/Dec.5 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

*The General Conference:*

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 7 to 20 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. Santiago Martínez-Caro (Spain) on which each Member participating in the Conference may be represented;

(c) Further decided to refer agenda items 7 to 20 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 2 December 2011, a written report on its work in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11.

*3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting  
29 November 2011*

### GC.14/Dec.6 APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Italy, Panama, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and Senegal.

*3<sup>rd</sup> plenary meeting  
29 November 2011*

### GC.14/Dec.7 RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS — BRAZIL

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.14/19;

(b) Welcomed the commitment of Brazil to settle its arrears through a payment plan agreement and

encouraged Brazil to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions therein;

(c) Gave satisfaction to the request by Brazil for the restoration of its voting rights in accordance with article 5.2 of the UNIDO Constitution.

*5<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
30 November 2011*

#### **GC.14/Dec.8 PAYMENT PLAN — COSTA RICA**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.14/20;

(b) Welcomed the commitment of Costa Rica to settle its arrears and decided to approve the payment plan as reported in document GC.14/20;

(c) Took note of the terms of the payment plan and encouraged Costa Rica to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions set therein.

*5<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
30 November 2011*

#### **GC.14/Dec.9 CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOURTEENTH 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.

*7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
1 December 2011*

#### **GC.14/Dec.10 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 9.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-six members to the Industrial Development Board to hold office until the close of the sixteenth regular session of the Conference in 2015:

(a) Fifteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Thailand.

(b) Eight members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway and Sweden.

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

As a result, the Industrial Development Board is composed of the following States: Algeria\*, Angola\*, Austria\*, Belgium\*\*, Brazil\*\*, Cameroon\*, Chile\*, China\*\*, Costa Rica\*\*, Côte d'Ivoire\*, Cuba\*, Czech Republic\*\*, Ecuador\*\*, Egypt\*\*, Finland\*\*, France\*\*, Germany\*\*, Ghana\*\*, Greece\*, Guatemala\*, Hungary\*\*, India\*, Indonesia\*, Iran (Islamic Republic of)\*, Iraq\*, Ireland\*, Italy\*\*, Japan\*\*, Kazakhstan\*, Kuwait\*\*, Lesotho\*\*, Mexico\*\*, Namibia\*, Nigeria\*\*, Norway\*\*, Peru\*, Poland\*\*, Portugal\*, Republic of Korea\*\*, Russian Federation\*, Saudi Arabia\*, Senegal\*, South Africa\*\*, Spain\*, Sri Lanka\*\*, Sudan\*\*, Sweden\*\*, Switzerland\*, Thailand\*\*, Turkey\*, Ukraine\*, Uruguay\*, Zimbabwe\*.

\* 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).

\*\* Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the end of the sixteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2015 (decision GC.14/Dec.10 of 2 December 2011).

**GC.14/Dec.11 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 fifteenth regular session of the Conference in 2013:

(a) Fifteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Algeria, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, South Africa, Sudan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

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

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**GC.14/Dec.12 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of the information in documents IDB.39/4 and GC.14/17;

(b) Also took note of Board decision IDB.39/Dec.4;

(c) Decided to establish a scale of assessments for the regular budget expenditures of UNIDO for the fiscal period 2012-2013, based on United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/248, 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.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**GC.14/Dec.13 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.14/7;

(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 and former Member States to effect the collection of arrears.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**GC.14/Dec.14 UNUTILIZED BALANCES OF APPROPRIATIONS TO STRENGTHEN UNIDO PROGRAMMES**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Encouraged Member States to consider voluntarily renouncing their shares of the unutilized balances of appropriations to strengthen the programmes of UNIDO;

(b) Requested the Director-General to report to the Board at its fortieth and forty-first sessions, through the Programme and Budget Committee, on the implementation of the present decision.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**GC.14/Dec.15 WORKING CAPITAL FUND**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of Board decision IDB.39/Dec.5;

(b) Decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2012-2013 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2012-2013 should remain the same as for the biennium 2010-2011, 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.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

## **GC.14/Dec.16 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of the recommendation of the Industrial Development Board on financial regulations as contained in decision IDB.39/Dec.6;

(b) Decided to adopt the amendments to the Financial Regulations of UNIDO as set out in the annex to the present decision and deemed necessary for compliance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

### **Annex**

#### Proposed amendments to the Financial Regulations of UNIDO

## **ARTICLE X. THE ACCOUNTS**

### Accounts and schedules

#### Annual financial report

Regulation 10.6: At the beginning of each financial year of the 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 that financial year of the biennium.

#### Submission of accounts

Regulation 10.7: The final accounts for each financial year of the biennium shall be submitted by the Director-General to the External Auditor not later than 15 March following the end of the financial year to which they relate.

## **ARTICLE XI. EXTERNAL AUDIT**

### Reporting

Regulation 11.10: The External Auditor's reports, together with the audited financial statements, shall be completed by not later than 20 April for the first year of the biennium and 1 June for the second year of the biennium, following the financial year 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.14/Dec.17 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 2012 to 30 June 2014, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

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2 December 2011*

## **GC.14/Dec.18 ALIGNING THE MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK PLANNING CYCLE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Recalled its decisions GC.2/Dec.23 and GC.6/Dec.10, providing the mandate for a four-year medium-term programme framework to be submitted by the Director-General to the Board, through the Programme and Budget Committee, in the first year of each biennium;

(b) Also recalled General Assembly resolution 63/232 of 19 December 2008, changing the comprehensive policy review of operational activities

for development of the United Nations from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle, encouraging the specialized agencies to carry out any changes required to align their planning cycles with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, including the implementation of midterm reviews as necessary, and deciding to hold its next comprehensive policy review in 2012;

(c) Further recalled Board decision IDB.38/Dec.9, took note of the midterm review of the medium-term programme framework 2010-2013 (IDB.39/8\*) and decided that the medium-term programme framework 2010-2013 (document IDB.35/8/Add.1) remained in force until its scheduled expiry in 2013;

(d) Requested the Director-General to submit on a quadrennial basis, from 2013 onwards, to the Board in the second year of a biennium, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for the four years that follow the current biennium, taking into account the recommendations of the latest comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development;

(e) Also requested the Director-General to thereafter continue submitting quadrennial midterm reviews of the medium-term programme framework to the Board in the second year of a biennium.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

#### **GC.14/Dec.19 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2012-2013**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of decision IDB.39/Dec.7 of the Industrial Development Board;

(b) Also took note of the programme and budget proposals for the biennium 2012-2013 as contained in document IDB.39/13/Rev.1;

(c) Approved estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €157,875,336 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €153,231,936 and other income of €4,643,400;

(d) Also approved estimates of gross expenditures totalling €28,911,400 for the purpose of

the operational budget for the biennium 2012-2013 to be financed from voluntary contributions in the amount of €28,837,700 and other income amounting to €73,700 as may be provided for in the financial regulations.

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2 December 2011*

#### **GC.14/Dec.20 UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of Board decision IDB.39/Dec.8;

(b) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2012-2013:

Members:	Ms. Ilse Adonis	(South Africa)
For 2012	Ms. Keyla Castillo Solano	(Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of)
For 2013	Mr. William José Calvo Calvo	(Costa Rica)
Alternate members:	Ms. Yukiko Harimoto	(Japan)
	Mr. Satya Rodrigo	(Sri Lanka)

(c) Authorized the Industrial Development Board to proceed with the election for any of the above-mentioned posts that might become vacant before the General Conference held its fifteenth session.

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2 December 2011*

#### **GC.14/Dec.21 DATE AND PLACE OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Noted that the fifteenth session of the Conference had been tentatively scheduled for 2-6 December 2013 in Vienna, as stated in the annotated agenda (GC.14/1/Add.1);

(b) Requested the Director-General to undertake the necessary consultations with any

Member States expressing interest to host the fifteenth session of the Conference, with particular regard to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

(c) 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 fortieth session the venue and date of the fifteenth session of the General Conference.

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2 December 2011*

## Resolutions

### GC.14/Res.1 UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* the objectives and functions established in the Constitution of UNIDO and the strategic long-term vision statement, 2005-2015 (GC.11/Res.4); and taking into account the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO as endorsed by the seventh session of the General Conference in resolution GC.7/Res.1,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 65/175 of 20 December 2010 on industrial development cooperation,

*Recalling further* Industrial Development Board decision IDB.38/Dec.8 on UNIDO activities in the field of industrial policy, and noting the progress report presented in document IDB.39/8/Add.1,

*Acknowledging* the contribution of the UNIDO Industrial Development Reports, which examine structural change and policies to promote industrial diversification, industrial energy efficiency, poverty reduction and sustainable development,

*Stressing* the contribution of UNIDO in providing policy orientation to Member States, including technical cooperation projects aimed at formulating, implementing and monitoring pragmatic and evidence-based industrial policies in the developing world, in accordance with the needs and priorities of Member States,

*Recognizing* the experience accumulated by UNIDO over more than three decades on policy analysis, which is the basis for policy orientation provided to Member States,

*Recognizing also* that the current global trading system and global financial and economic crisis creates new challenges for the design and further implementation of industrial policies in the developing world,

*Emphasizing* the importance for developing countries to monitor, benchmark and analyse their

industrial performance and capabilities and, on that basis, to formulate, implement and monitor actions to improve the contribution of industry to sustainable development, social inclusion, productivity growth and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals,

*Underlining* the value of UNIDO as a global forum for the dissemination of global and regional trends in the field of industrial strategies, successful industrialization experiences and best practices among experts and policymakers at the global and regional level,

*Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To adopt, within existing UNIDO resources, activities aimed at strengthening the role of UNIDO in the provision of advice and orientation to developing countries in the field of industrial strategies and policy, including activities of economic and technology foresight in specific economic sectors, in accordance with the priorities and needs of Member States;

(b) To strengthen closer cooperation with relevant United Nations specialized agencies, as well as regional organizations and relevant partners, to support networking, capacity-building and best practices exchange in order to promote competitiveness, economic diversification and structural change, while ensuring environmental sustainability of the industrial sector and contributing to social inclusion;

(c) To help to promote productive and industrial integration among Member States, particularly among countries within the same economic bloc or integration area and with the potential to coordinate industrial policies and share productive and technological infrastructures;

(d) To enhance partnerships with the public and private sector to create synergies, especially among research centres and universities, at the regional and interregional levels, to support UNIDO activities in the field of policy analysis, as well as to invite those institutions to financially support the implementation of the present resolution;

(e) To strengthen the efforts of UNIDO to mobilize funds for the implementation of the above-mentioned activities;

(f) To incorporate in the medium-term programme framework, 2014-2017, to be presented in 2013, an outline of proposed activities aimed at strengthening industrial policy orientation;

(g) To report on the activities conducted on industrial policy orientation, including the implementation of the present resolution, in the *Annual Report of UNIDO*.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**GC.14/Res.2 KNOWLEDGE NETWORKING  
AND KNOWLEDGE SHARING  
FOR ACHIEVING  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* resolution GC.13/Res.6 on the crucial role of the productive sectors in supporting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

*Recalling also* decision IDB.38/Dec.8 on UNIDO activities in the field of industrial policy, and in particular paragraph (g) (ii) of that same decision requesting the Director-General to support the exchange of knowledge, experiences and best practices among experts and policymakers at the global and regional level,

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

*Stressing* the key role of the productive sectors in reducing poverty and supporting sustainable development, and thus in the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

*Underlining* the importance of international knowledge networking and the exchange of experiences and best practice for the achievement of

local, regional and international development goals and prosperity,

*Welcoming* the role of UNIDO as convenor agency for the eighth funding window of the Spanish MDG Achievement Fund (MDG-F) on "Development and the Private Sector" and, within this context, its active coordination role in the first global meeting of Joint Programme Coordinators in Panama City from 1 to 3 March 2011 and the resulting Panama Plan of Action,

*Taking note of* the global report "Networks for Prosperity: Achieving Development Goals through Knowledge Sharing", launched on 14 November 2011, and in particular the newly-introduced Connectedness Index and the recommendations in the same report,

1. *Requests* the Director-General to continue to develop and foster, within the Organization's mandate and within existing resources, activities that:

(a) Promote international knowledge networking and knowledge governance structures for achieving local, regional and global development objectives;

(b) Encourage and facilitate the international knowledge networking capacities of public and private institutions in developing countries;

(c) Improve the inter-institutional information and knowledge exchange systems of UNIDO in the wider United Nations context;

(d) Support the establishment of international and cross-sectoral consultation networks to further develop the initial findings on knowledge networking and connectedness and to expand the geographic coverage of the Connectedness Index;

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

3. *Invites* 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 fortieth session.

8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011

**GC.14/Res.3 REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR  
LATIN AMERICA AND THE  
CARIBBEAN**

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* resolution GC.11/Res.1 on the 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,

*Recalling also* resolution GC.12/Res.1 on the 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 were duly reflected in the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, in order to sustain the work initiated,

*Recalling further* resolution GC.13/Res.2 on the Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, in which the Director-General was requested to update and improve the existing initiatives and to 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,

*Recognizing* the joint efforts of the Latin American and Caribbean countries and of the Secretariat to improve and extend the regional programme, which has been strengthened by the results of the third expert group meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean on the competitiveness of agro-industrial value chains, held in San José, Costa Rica, from 31 January to 2 February 2011,

*Recognizing also* the efforts of the Secretariat to report on, promote and extend the technical cooperation activities provided for in the regional programme, particularly activities relating to the Industrial Knowledge Bank, the Observatory for Renewable Energy and activities implemented at the national and sectoral levels,

*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,

*Underscoring* the need for UNIDO, drawing on the experience gathered in the formulation and execution of technical cooperation projects in various Latin American and Caribbean countries, to address also the evolving challenges and opportunities that affect sustainable industrial development in the entire region,

*Considering also* that, in the above-mentioned resolutions, it was requested, inter alia, that efforts continue, in close consultation with the Member States of the region, to identify and mobilize the voluntary financial resources required to implement the projects and programmes that form part of the Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean,

*Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To continue to undertake all the actions necessary to implement the Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;

(b) To continue to keep the policymaking organs of UNIDO regularly informed of the progress of the projects and programmes that form part of the Regional Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;

(c) To update and improve the existing initiatives and define new activities, projects and programmes, including the possibility of establishing a regional fund, in the three priority areas of the Organization, taking into account the different realities and needs of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, with special emphasis on the regional, subregional, national and sectoral levels; and, for that purpose, and within available resources, to convene the fourth expert group meeting in 2012;

(d) To continue to endeavour, in consultation with the Member States of the region, to identify and mobilize the additional voluntary financial resources required for the full implementation of the programme.

8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011

**GC.14/Res.4 STRENGTHENING UNIDO  
ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENT**

*The General Conference,*

*Considering* the importance of sustainable industrial development and securing energy access for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

*Recalling* the UNIDO strategic long-term vision statement as adopted in resolution GC.11/Res.4,

*Recalling also* General Conference resolutions GC.8/Res.2 on the Global Environment Facility and technical cooperation activities and GC.10/Res.5 on the role of UNIDO in achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

*Recalling further* resolution GC.13/Res.8 on UNIDO activities in energy and environment and decision IDB.38/Dec.10 on strengthening UNIDO implementation of activities in energy and environment,

*Taking note* of the outcomes of the Ministerial Meeting on Energy and Green Industry convened by UNIDO in Vienna from 21 to 22 June 2011 (IDB.39/CRP.6/Rev.1) and the Senior Officials Meeting on Green Industry, convened in Tokyo on 15 November 2011, in connection with the Tokyo Green Industry Conference 2011 (GC.14/CRP.4),

*Taking note also* of United Nations General Assembly resolution 65/151 of 20 December 2010, which designated 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,

*Considering* that the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), convened by United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/236 of 24 December 2009, to be held in June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, offers a unique opportunity to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable development at all levels, and bearing in mind that the two themes of Rio+20, green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and an institutional framework for sustainable development, offer promising ways to tackle remaining challenges, including those related to climate change and securing access to sustainable energy,

*Acknowledging*, in this regard, the contribution of UNIDO to the preparatory process leading up to that Conference, as well as in the preparations for the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Durban, South Africa,

*Acknowledging also* in this regard the contribution of UNIDO working in partnership with sister United Nations agencies to create human and institutional capacities in developing and transition countries for the implementation of industrial environmental and energy projects, such as the National Cleaner Production Centres and the recently-established Global Network for Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECPnet),

*Taking note* of the activities undertaken by UNIDO to develop the Green Industry Initiative as an integral part of a green economy and as a sectoral approach to its implementation in the manufacturing and related sectors (GC.14/9),

*Taking into account* the results-based approach of the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013 (IDB.35/8/Add.1), as adjusted by the midterm review of the medium-term programme framework (IDB.39/8\*),

*Recalling* decision IDB.39/Dec.7, paragraph (g) of which recommended that quarterly informal meetings be held by the Secretariat with Member States,

*Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To strengthen the implementation of the programmes co-financed by the Global Environment Facility, the Multilateral Fund for Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, bilateral donors and multi-donor initiatives in energy and environment, with a results-based approach and giving particular attention to the developmental impact of these programmes in the field, including capacity-building required to shift to more sustainable patterns of production;

(b) To collect and disseminate best practices of the most suitable environmentally sound technologies, and explore, in consultation with Member States, an institutional mechanism to support this idea;

(c) To further promote the use of public-private partnerships in the implementation of the programmes,

including for facilitating access to appropriate technology and affordable financing;

(d) To finalize a UNIDO strategic document in the field of renewable energy, in line with the commitment of the Organization to ensure the achievement of the three energy goals (30-40-30 agenda, as described in document GC.14/8, paragraph 19);

(e) To offer a valuable contribution, within the UNIDO mandate, in the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and in the events connected to the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All, presenting its concrete experiences in project implementation in the field of green industry and sustainable energy, such as the showcase “Greening COP17”;

(f) To continue the leadership in fostering Green Industry at the global and regional levels, in support of national Green Industry initiatives, to further promote green industry in the preparatory process to Rio+20 as the sector strategy for manufacturing and related sectors for the transition to a green economy;

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

(h) To strengthen 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;

(i) To establish appropriate cooperation mechanisms, including agreements on the implementation of projects and initiatives, with other international and regional organizations in the field of environment and energy, as appropriate at the global, regional and/or national levels, in order to create synergies and avoid duplication;

(j) To present to Member States at an informal briefing at the beginning of 2012 the progress achieved in implementing the present resolution;

(k) To report to the fortieth session of the Industrial Development Board on further developments regarding the implementation of the present resolution.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

## **GC.14/Res.5 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

*The General Conference,*

*Recognizing* that youth employment presents major challenges as noted during the Mano River Union Round Table held on 4 December 2007 during the twelfth session of the General Conference (GC.12/Res.5), and noting that youth unemployment has been associated with political and socio-economic challenges in some countries,

*Noting also* the importance of linking the UNIDO programme of activities to Millennium Development Goals 1 and 8 on poverty eradication and building global partnerships to address the high rates of youth unemployment,

*Taking into account* the outcome document of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding, as adopted in United Nations General Assembly resolution 65/312 of 26 July 2011 urging Member States to address the global challenge of youth unemployment by developing and implementing strategies that give young people everywhere a real chance to find decent and productive work,

*Recalling* its resolutions GC.6/Res.4 and GC.7/Res.3 on development of human resources for industry,

*Recalling also* the UNIDO strategic long-term vision as adopted in resolution GC.11/Res.4,

*Taking into account* the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013 (IDB.35/8/Add.1), as adjusted by the midterm review of the medium-term programme framework (IDB.39/8),

*Taking into consideration* document GC.14/15 on UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade and job creation,

*Requests* the Director-General:



(a) To continue to develop, within the mandate of UNIDO, entrepreneurial and industry related programmes and initiatives targeting young people;

(b) To pursue the development of projects and programmes geared towards poverty reduction through skills acquisition and capacity enhancement activities with necessary financial resource mobilization aimed at supporting creative industries, micro, small-, medium-scale enterprises with young people as beneficiaries;

(c) To report on the implementation of the present resolution to the fortieth and forty-first sessions of the Industrial Development Board as well as the fifteenth session of the General Conference.

*8th plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**GC.14/Res.6 VIENNA MINISTERIAL  
DECLARATION FOR THE LEAST  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

*The General Conference,*

*Taking note* of the Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries convened in Vienna on 24 and 25 November 2011,

*Taking note also* 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 provisions for a structural transformation of the least developed countries and provide UNIDO support for the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (A/CONF.219/3/Rev.1), as set out in the Declaration and Plan of Action adopted by the Ministers in Vienna on 25 November 2011;

2. *Urges* UNIDO and all development partners to contribute to achieving the objectives of the Plan of Action;

3. *Requests* the Director-General to report on related UNIDO activities to the General Conference at its fifteenth session.

*8th plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

**Annex**

**2011 Least Developed Countries  
Ministerial Plan of Action**

**Structural transformation of LDCs  
and UNIDO support for the implementation  
of the Istanbul Programme of Action  
for the Least Developed Countries  
for the Decade 2011-2020**

**Introduction**

1. The Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 adopted in Brussels (BPoA) in 2001 was based on seven commitments aimed at improving the living conditions of the citizens of least developed countries (LDCs) through providing a framework for a strong global partnership. Its overarching goal was to make substantial progress towards halving the proportion of people living in extreme poverty and suffering from hunger by 2015 and promote sustainable development in the least developed countries. Nevertheless, these countries — consisting of 48 countries throughout the world, with 33 of them located in Africa — have been unable to overcome their economic vulnerability and structurally transform their economies. Only three countries have graduated out of this category in the past three decades: Botswana, Cape Verde and Maldives (in January 2011).

2. An assessment of the implementation of the BPoA suggested that a more strategic, comprehensive and sustained approach be undertaken to bring about structural transformation of the LDC economies. In this regard, the entire United Nations system, Member States and relevant international and regional organizations worked closely together and adopted the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011 to 2020 during the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UN-LDC IV), which took place

in May 2011 in Istanbul. The adopted Istanbul Plan of Action (IPoA) comprises eight development priorities and stresses the importance of building productive capacities, private sector initiative, energy, technology, and the complementary role of South-South cooperation. These key development priorities constitute the core elements of UNIDO operations in the LDCs.

3. The overarching goal of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) is to overcome the structural challenges faced by the least developed countries in order to eradicate poverty, generate employment, achieve internationally agreed development goals and enable graduation from the least developed country category. The Programme provides a comprehensive road map in support of LDC economies and further underscores the need for a structural transformation of their socio-economic environment within the next decade.

#### **I. Objectives of the UNIDO LDC Ministerial Conference**

4. The fourth UNIDO meeting of the LDC Ministers of Industry, entitled “LDC structural transformation and UNIDO support for the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action”, reflects the continuous will of the organization to place support to least developed countries at the top of its sustainable industrial development agenda. It will serve to present the LDC Strategy and Operational Plan, 2012-2020, and will provide a comprehensive road map for UNIDO programmes and thematic initiatives in favour of LDCs, thereby contributing towards an effective implementation of the IPoA.

#### **II. Summary of the UNIDO LDC Strategy and Operational Plan, 2012-2020**

5. The UNIDO Strategy enumerates practical interventions in the sphere of enhanced economic efficiency, ecological compliance and social inclusion. It further presents UNIDO’s vision and action towards implementing the industrial agenda of the Istanbul Programme of Action within the next decade. The three dimensions contained in the Strategy are: (a) converting commodities into products; (b) empowering rural communities in the development process; (c) strengthening the new regional industrial complementarities.

#### **III. Converting commodities into products**

6. Value addition to primary commodities is critical to climbing the ladder of development. It is a matter of converting resource-based comparative advantages into competitiveness. In doing so, LDCs should be selective in promoting internationally and regionally tradable products, and the development of those products should make an indelible impact on poverty reduction.

7. The set of operational interventions that are needed relate to: (a) the establishment of an inventory of the modern industrial applications of promising products. The idea is to unveil viable avenues of replicating product-specific best practices, thereby reducing the distance to technological, processing, design and marketing frontiers; (b) enhancing institutional capacity-building for assessing competitive performance analysis. The aim is to build a module to strengthen the capacity of support institutions to design, implement and monitor industrial policies, and thereby support the policy process rather than a specific outcome. The advantage is that UNIDO enhances the Government’s ownership and management capacity by training civil servants, building a centralized information system and setting up teams using the existing institutional structure; and (c) creating industrial growth poles and clusters as pockets of industrial dynamism.

#### **IV. Empowering rural communities in the development process**

8. As indicated at LDC IV, more than 75 per cent of the least developed countries’ population still live in poverty. Growth essentially entails empowering the vulnerable segments of the people in the development process. Failing this, there will be growth without development. The success of related projects depends largely on proper sensitization of a set of low-hanging fruits: (a) enhanced agricultural productivity, and (b) the use of modern methods and tools for reducing post-harvest losses.

9. To achieve this, a set of interventions will need to be operationalized: appointing rural industrial development officers; promoting an integrated approach to field-level interventions which facilitate basic agricultural extension services, foster enterprise start-ups in the agro-processing segment and catalyze local value chain development; conducting result-

oriented entrepreneurship development programmes; implementing value chain development programmes; establishing agribusiness support service centres; and building the capacities and capabilities of rural communities.

#### **V. Strengthening the new industrial regional complementarities**

10. In the past, initiatives towards strengthening regional industrial complementarities failed to produce the expected results because of similar resource endowments. Today, the process of industrial development is not driven by a given country's resource endowment alone. Rather, the process is driven by technology, knowledge, skills, information and networking across borders. LDCs should endeavour to strengthen those new regional industrial complementarities across borders. Knowledge, technology and investment flows across borders can contribute significantly to withstand collectively competitive pressures for efficiency gains.

11. An operational strategy towards regional industrial dynamism could encompass: thinking globally and acting regionally for strengthening regional value chains; making an inventory of promising products for regional integration; promoting the geographical expansion of selected commodity belts through value addition; enhancing regional institutional capacity-building; and using the North-South corridor as a test case of new regional industrial dynamism and innovation systems.

#### **VI. Special focus on South-South cooperation**

12. UNIDO accords priority to the promotion of South-South cooperation as an effective means of creating a win-win situation from which all participating countries benefit and to complement North-South cooperation. UNIDO South-South Centres were established with a mandate to design practical and innovative projects to facilitate the transfer and diffusion of appropriate technologies, the replication of best practices and to promote training, skills development and capacity enhancement in entrepreneurship, trade and investment in the fields of social and economic development potential of developing countries in general and LDCs in particular.

#### **VII. UNIDO road ahead**

13. In UNIDO, the LDC road ahead is paved to lead all stakeholders to the creation and strengthening of industrial infrastructure in terms of information dissemination, technology upgrading, investment facilitation, technical skills enhancement, promotion of innovation, public and private sector capacity-building, facilitating the availability of and access to energy for productive use and greater market access through productive capacity-building. All related interventions converge to sustainable income, employment and wealth creation.

#### **VIII. Follow-up actions**

14. In delivering on the present Operational Strategy, UNIDO will continue to ensure that its development results targets are achieved. Management for development results, inter-agency coherence, along with the UN-OHRLS road map,<sup>1</sup> monitoring results and ensuring impact, and increasing efficiency in resource use, will be a critical part of the process.

15. In cooperation with development partners, including regional economic commissions, UNIDO will also develop regional and national programmes and projects in LDCs, aligned with the strategy.

16. The UNIDO LDC Strategy contains a set of actions and interventions in order for the LDCs to graduate from their current status. Determined efforts are needed for translating the practical suggestions into deeds as part of the IPoA.

#### **Ministerial Declaration**

#### **Structural transformation of LDCs and UNIDO support for the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020**

*We, the Ministers* participating in the UNIDO Ministerial Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

*Gathered* here in Vienna from 24 to 25 November 2011 in order to reiterate our commitment to the

<sup>1</sup> UN-OHRLS road map for the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action from 2011 to the midterm review.

sustainable industrial development of the economies of the LDCs;

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

*Emphasizing* the importance of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the three previous UNIDO LDC Ministerial conferences, and the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

*Underscoring* the fact that all least developed countries share much in common and that limited productive capacity, financial resources, and lack of energy for productive use continue to pose serious obstacles to the development efforts of the least developed countries, thereby reiterating productive capacity-building, employment generation, the need for economic diversification and regional integration as top priorities for LDCs' wealth generation and economic development;

*Underlining* that least developed countries represent an enormous untapped human and natural resource potential, in particular their young populations, to contribute to national development, poverty eradication, and job creation, as well as to global economic growth and welfare;

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

*Stating* that partnerships with the private sector play an important role for promoting entrepreneurship, generating employment and investment, increasing the revenue potential, developing new technologies and enabling high, sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth in least developed countries;

*Expressing* our full support for the efforts of least developed countries to achieve people-centred sustainable development;

*Having* adopted the UNIDO LDC Strategy and Operational Plan for the Least Developed Countries,

2012-2020, in anticipation of the UNIDO General Conference,

*Declare* that:

1. We are convinced that the LDC Ministerial Conference on the Least Developed Countries provides positive momentum for the sustainable industrial development of the Least Developed Countries;

2. We welcome the preparation of the UNIDO LDC Strategy and Operational Plan, 2012-2020, integrating the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 for its implementation in a timely and comprehensive manner;

3. We underscore that the ownership, leadership and primary responsibility for development in the least developed countries rest with the LDCs themselves, good governance at all levels, inclusiveness and transparency, as well as domestic resource mobilization, are central to the development process of the least developed countries;

4. We understand that the road map designed for the implementation of the Istanbul Plan of Action (IPoA) further encourages the LDCs and their development partners to work on a path of a coordinated, coherent and effective manner;

5. We note that the overarching goal of the UNIDO Operational Plan is to enable the LDCs to promote sustainable sources of income and employment through productive capacities leading to inclusive growth, development and graduation from their current status. The three strategic objectives are: (a) converting commodities into products; (b) targeting communities based on their resource endowment; and (c) regional and global focus on value chain development, a special focus on gender and social inclusion, especially of youth populations, will be addressed as cross-cutting issues;

6. We stress that the implementation process should be based also on a well-functioning and socially responsible private sector under the close supervision of our Governments, as well as better coordination of aid by the cooperating partners. Small- and medium-sized enterprises in particular, and an appropriate legal framework are crucial in promoting entrepreneurship, investment, agribusiness development and economic

diversification as well as achieving full and productive employment and decent work for all;

7. We acknowledge the great potential of regional economic integration and cooperation in creating new opportunities for trade, investment, technology transfer, supply chains and markets through improved infrastructure and connectivity. We underscore that we need to fully harness the opportunities offered by South-South, triangular cooperation as well as the complementary role of North-South cooperation. We are convinced that Least Developed Countries should benefit from enhanced triangular cooperation;

8. We express our full support to the proposal of a dedicated "LDC Trust Fund" through voluntary contributions to promote, support and implement the objectives of the current strategy. In addition we are willing to encourage domestic fund mobilization undertakings;

9. We reaffirm the critical importance of effective and efficient follow-up and monitoring mechanisms at the national, regional and global levels to assess the mainstreaming of the LDC Strategy and Operational Plan commitments and actions in the overall UNIDO interventions within the countries into the next decade and invite the Director-General of UNIDO to ensure that the LDC Strategy and Operational Plan, 2012-2020, is followed up in an effective, efficient and visible manner.

Adopted in Vienna on 25 November 2011

[Signed]: 25 November 2011

Mohammed Abdel Gader Hassan

Director-General of International Affairs

Ministry of Industry of Sudan

On behalf of

H.E. Mr. Awad Ahmed Eljaz

Minister of Industry of Sudan

Rapporteur of the 2011 LDC Ministerial Conference

## **GC.14/Res.7 MULTILATERAL DIPLOMATIC COMMITTEE AND RELATIONS BETWEEN UNIDO AND THE HOST COUNTRY**

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* the Agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria regarding the Headquarters of UNIDO of 29 November 1995,

*Welcoming* the cooperation extended by the Host Government in dealing with matters of concern to permanent missions to Vienna-based international organizations,

1. *Takes note* of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee for Relations with the International Organizations at Vienna and the Host Country (MDC) established on 24 May 1991;

2. *Acknowledges* that this Committee shall serve as a mechanism to promote the good relations between the host country and the permanent missions;

3. *Also acknowledges* that this Committee, through sustained dialogue and cooperation, shall provide for the consideration of concerns of permanent missions in a timely and constructive fashion;

4. *Decides* to revitalize the MDC in UNIDO, which shall work in the framework of Articles X and XI of the Agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria regarding the headquarters of UNIDO;

5. *Requests* the Chairperson of the Committee to report on its activities, in so far as they pertain to UNIDO, to the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference during their sessions.

*8<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
2 December 2011*

## Annex

### Documents submitted to the General Conference at its fourteenth regular session

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GC.14/7	10 (b)	Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General
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GC.14/20	10 (b)	Proposed payment plan for Costa Rica. Note by the Director-General
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GC.14/CRP.2	4	Report on the results of the informal consultations of Permanent Missions in Vienna for the preparation of the General Conference. Submitted by the President of the Industrial Development Board, H.E. Mr. CHO Hyun (Republic of Korea)
GC.14/CRP.2/Add.1	4	Report on the results of the informal consultations of Permanent Missions in Vienna for the preparation of the General Conference. Addendum
GC.14/CRP.3	10 (e)	Candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat
GC.14/CRP.4	12	Senior government officials meeting on green industry, Tokyo, 15 November 2011. Submitted by the Secretariat
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