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Introductory note

1. The decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its sixteenth regular session (2015) 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) and the relevant agenda item. Decisions and resolutions are, as far as possible, set out in the order of the agenda.
3. Following Board decision IDB.41/Dec.12 (k), the General Conference suspended rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for its sixteenth session as well as the provision in its decision GC.3/Dec.11 calling for the issuance of summary records of the Main Committee and requested the Director General to make digital records of plenary and Main Committee meetings available in all six official languages (see decision GC.16/Dec.5). Discussions related to the adoption of decisions and resolutions are reflected in the digital records.

Agenda of the sixteenth 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 2013 and 2014.
8. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-second and forty-third 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) Appointment of an External Auditor.
11. Programme and budgets, 2016-2017.
12. Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019.
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17. UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation.
18. UNIDO activities related to the implementation of the Lima Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries.
19. UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries taking into account the San José Declaration.
20. Personnel matters, including the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee.
21. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
22. Date and place of the seventeenth session.
23. Annual report on the activities of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee.
24. Closure of the session.

DECISIONS

GC.16/Dec.1 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation H.E. Ms. Christine Stix-Hackl (Austria) President of the Conference at its sixteenth session.

*1st plenary meeting
30 November 2015*

GC.16/Dec.2 ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its sixteenth session: H.E. Mr. CHENG Jingye (China), H.E. Ms. Pilar Saborio De Rocafort (Costa Rica), H.E. Mr. Friedrich Däuble (Germany), H.E. Mr. Michael Okoth Oyungi (Kenya), H.E. Ms. Paulina Franceschi Navarro (Panama), H.E. Ms. Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson (Philippines), Mr. Georgy V. Mikhno (Russian Federation), Mr. Albin Otruba (Slovakia), H.E. Mr. Ghazi Jomaa (Tunisia).

*1st plenary meeting
30 November 2015*

GC.16/Dec.3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The General Conference adopted the agenda of its sixteenth session as contained in document GC.16/1/Rev.1.

*1st plenary meeting
30 November 2015*

GC.16/Dec.4 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 7 to 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 H.E. Adnan Bin Othman (Malaysia), on which each Member participating in the Conference may be represented;

(c) Further decided to refer agenda items 7 to 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 by 4 December 2015, a written report on its work in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11.

*3rd plenary meeting
1 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.5 SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUMMARY RECORDS

Following Board decision IDB.41/Dec.12 (k), the General Conference suspended rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for its sixteenth session as well as the provision in its decision GC.3/Dec.11 calling for the issuance of summary records of the Main Committee and requested the Director General to make digital records of plenary and Main Committee meetings available in all six official languages.

*3rd plenary meeting
1 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.6 APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: Argentina, Austria, Barbados, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, South Africa and Spain.

*3rd plenary meeting
1 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.7 INCLUSION OF MARSHALL ISLANDS IN THE LISTS OF STATES OF ANNEX I TO THE CONSTITUTION

The General Conference decided to include the Marshall Islands in List A of Annex I to the Constitution.¹

*4th plenary meeting
1 December 2013*

GC.16/Dec.8 CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIXTEENTH 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
3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.9 ELECTION OF THE 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 eighteenth regular session of the Conference in 2019:

¹ The revised Lists of States were issued in document GC.16/16.

(a) Fifteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I of the Constitution: Angola, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand and Uruguay.

(b) Eight members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway and Sweden, with one seat remaining vacant.

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

*8th plenary meeting
3 December 2015*

As a result, the Industrial Development Board is composed of the following fifty-one States: Algeria*, Angola**, Argentina*, Austria*, Belarus**, Burkina Faso*, Cameroon*, China**, Côte d'Ivoire*, Croatia**, Cuba*, Cyprus**, Ecuador**, Egypt**, Finland**, Germany**, Greece*, Guatemala*, India*, Iran (Islamic Republic of)*, Ireland*, Italy**, Japan**, Jordan*, Kenya**, Kuwait**, Lebanon**, Mexico**, Namibia*, Nigeria**, Norway**, Pakistan*, Panama**, Peru*, Philippines*, Poland**, Republic of Korea**, Romania*, Russian Federation*, South Africa**, Spain*, Sudan**, Sweden**, Switzerland*, Syrian Arab Republic*, Thailand**, Tunisia*, Turkey*, Uruguay**, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)* and Zimbabwe*. One of the List B seats remained vacant*. One of the List B seats remained vacant**.

GC.16/Dec.10 ELECTION OF THE 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 seventeenth regular session of the Conference in 2017:

(a) Fifteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Algeria, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Guatemala, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sudan and Thailand.

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey, with one seat remaining vacant.

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

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* Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference in 2017 (decision GC.15/Dec.9 of 6 December 2013).

** Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the end of the eighteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2019 (decision GC.16/Dec.9 of 3 December 2015).

GC.16/Dec.11 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES

The General Conference:

- (a) Took note of document IDB.43/7;
- (b) Also took note of Board decision IDB.43/Dec.4;
- (c) Decided to establish a scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2016-2017 based on United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/238, 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
3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.12 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

The General Conference:

- (a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.16/5;
- (b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that have 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;
- (d) Also requested the Director General to intensify his efforts to ensure that current Member States sustain their support to the Organization and communicate to Member States on that matter through existing reporting channels.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.13 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The General Conference:

- (a) Took note of Board decision IDB.43/Dec.5;
- (b) Decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 should remain the same as for the biennium 2014-2015, 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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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.14 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The General Conference decided to extend the current appointment of the Auditor General of Germany as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.15 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2016-2017

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.43/Dec.6 whereby the Industrial Development Board adopted the programme and budgets for the biennium 2016-2017, as contained in documents IDB.43/6 and Add.1;

(b) Approved estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €138,934,833 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €136,416,533 and other income of €2,518,300;

(c) Also approved estimates of gross expenditures totalling €34,066,200 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2016-2017 to be financed from voluntary contributions in the amount of €33,764,700 and other income amounting to €301,500 as may be provided for in the financial regulations.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.16 UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of Board decision IDB.43/Dec.10;

(b) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2016-2017:

Members: Mr. Pierluigi Colapinto (Italy)
Mr. Suhel Ajaz Khan (India)

Alternate members: Mr. Kamal Bashir Ahmed Mohamed Khair (Sudan)
Ms. Lourdes María Zozaya Rojas (Mexico)

(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 holds its seventeenth session.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Dec.17 DATE AND PLACE OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION

The General Conference decided that its seventeenth session shall be held in Vienna from 27 November to 1 December 2017 in Vienna.

*8th plenary meeting
3 December 2015*

RESOLUTIONS**GC.16/Res.1 MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK, 2016-2019**

The General Conference:

Recalling its decision GC.2/Dec.23, as amended in decisions GC.6/Dec.10, GC.14/Dec.18 and GC.15/Dec.17, requesting the Director General to submit to the Board, through the Programme and Budget Committee, 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 broad programmatic objectives and priorities reflected in the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (IDB.43/9 and Add.1) which take into account the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1) and the recommendations relating to the management criteria of the “Strategic Guidance Document” (IDB.41/24),

Noting that UNIDO’s programmatic objectives and priorities also continue to be determined by the 2030 development agenda and the related Sustainable Development Goals, derived from the Special Summit on Sustainable Development in New York in September 2015, as well as the United Nations system-wide coherence mechanisms, including the United Nations Resident Coordinator system and the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations,

Welcoming the main innovative features, especially the introduction of a new partnership approach to promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID), the inclusion of a budgetary framework that indicates expected budgetary requirements for the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, and the enhancement of the results-based management approach, as requested in the “Strategic Guidance Document”, including the introduction of an integrated results and performance framework,

(a) *Recognizes* that the medium-term programme framework is an important and flexible tool for implementing the Organization’s mandates;

(b) *Takes note* with appreciation of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019;

(c) *Also takes note* that the medium-term programme framework already includes performance indicators and understands that the Organization will set a baseline for these indicators and continue its efforts towards enriching these indicators in a continuous manner and requests the Director General to report the progress on this matter at the forty-fourth session of the Industrial Development Board;

(d) *Invites* the Director General to continue reporting on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework in the annual report.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Res.2 UNIDO AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT*

The General Conference,

Welcoming United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September adopting the 2030 Agenda “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and in particular the inclusion of Sustainable Development Goal 9 “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”, which embeds UNIDO’s mandate into the new agenda,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 69/235 on industrial development cooperation adopted on 19 December 2014 and General Assembly resolution 69/313 adopted on 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,

Recalling also the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1), which stresses the relevance of inclusive and sustainable industrial development as a basis for sustained economic growth and places special emphasis on strengthening existing and forging new partnerships,

Expressing appreciation for the progress made by UNIDO in implementing the Lima Declaration, as reported in documents IDB.42/14, IDB.43/12 and GC.16/7, and recalling decision IDB.43/Dec.8 on the Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

Noting the importance of an efficient internal performance and results monitoring system for UNIDO’s effective contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda,

Looking ahead to a positive substantive outcome of the twenty-first Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris and taking note that UNIDO, through its services in the areas of environment and sustainable energy, also addresses the environmental dimensions of sustainable development,

Noting that UNIDO has continued to enhance its South-South and triangular industrial cooperation as well as its partnerships with the private sector, development finance institutions, the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and traditional donors,

Taking note of the successful conclusion of the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries held in Vienna from 26 to 27 November 2015,

1. *Requests* the Director General to develop and implement strategies to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets;

* Draft resolution submitted by the Group of 77 and China, and co-sponsored by Japan, Norway, Poland, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey, and the European Union and its Member States, members of UNIDO — Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

2. *Also requests* the Director General to continue to align, in accordance with UNIDO's mandate, its activities, technical cooperation delivery, partnership approach and country programmes with the goals and targets set out in the 2030 Agenda;

3. *Further requests* the Director General to report to Member States on UNIDO's contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Secretary-General,¹ and the Global Indicator Framework;²

4. *Requests* the Director General to continue to actively contribute and pursue a leading role for UNIDO in the ongoing discussions with other international organizations and stakeholders on the follow-up and review mechanism for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda,³ and for this purpose work closely with Member States, through regular consultations;

5. *Also requests* the Director General to advance strategic alliances with other United Nations agencies, development finance institutions and partners, with a view to creating synergies and avoiding duplication, when realizing the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda;

6. *Encourages* the Director General to intensify UNIDO's efforts to mobilize adequate financial resources from all sources;

7. *Requests* the Director General to continue to reach out to all United Nations Member States and encourage them to join the Organization in the spirit of a revitalized global partnership for sustainable development and with a view to strengthening the means of implementation for Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda;

8. *Also requests* the Director General to regularly report on the implementation of the resolution, starting with the forty-fourth session of the Industrial Development Board.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Res.3 UNIDO, GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN**

The General Conference,

Welcoming the adoption of United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for

¹ Pursuant to paragraph 90 of the General Assembly resolution 70/1 expected in January 2016.

² To be developed by the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators and to be agreed by the Statistical Commission by March 2016 and adopted thereafter by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in line with existing mandates.

³ Taking into due consideration paragraphs 72 to 91 of the General Assembly resolution 70/1 relating to the follow-up and review.

** Draft resolution submitted by Norway, and co-sponsored by Austria, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Moldova, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the European Union and its Member States, members of UNIDO — Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece,

Sustainable Development” (2030 Agenda), and its Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 9 “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”, and Goal 5 “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/235 of 16 January 2015 on industrial development cooperation, which emphasizes the need to promote, in the context of industrial development, gender equality and the empowerment of women at all levels, including in decision-making processes,

Recalling also the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1), which recognizes the role industry plays in providing opportunities for social inclusion, including gender equality, empowering all women and girls and creating decent employment for the youth,

Recalling further its resolution 9 adopted at the Fourth General Conference of UNIDO in 1984 on integration of women in industrial development,

Taking note of all relevant General Assembly and ECOSOC resolutions pertaining to issues related to gender mainstreaming and women’s economic empowerment,

Taking note also of this year’s anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the Fourth World Conference of Women in 1995 and the associated “Global Leaders’ Meeting on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: A Commitment to Action”, held in September 2015 during the United Nations Summit for the Adoption of the 2030 Agenda, as well as the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women,

Expressing appreciation for UNIDO’s efforts to update the Policy on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (Director General’s Bulletin of 27 November 2015, UNIDO/DGB/(M).110/Rev.2), including the new Gender Mainstreaming Architecture,

Welcoming the UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy, 2016-2019 (GC.16/8),

1. *Requests* the Director General to implement the actions outlined in the UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy and align UNIDO’s programmes and projects with the goals and targets regarding gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls as spelled out in the 2030 Agenda;

2. *Encourages* the Director General to maintain close coordination and collaboration with Member States in the implementation of this Strategy and the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

3. *Also encourages* the Director General to further promote multi-stakeholder partnerships, including with the private sector as appropriate, with a view, inter alia, to mobilizing and allocating additional funding for the

Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.

implementation of the UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy;

4. *Further encourages* the Director General to undertake further efforts to integrate a gender equality perspective into UNIDO's programmes, policies and organizational practices, including efforts towards gender balance in staffing, with a view to achieving parity;

5. *Encourages* the Director General to promote collection, analysis and use of sex-disaggregated industrial statistics and data, in order to assess progress towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women in the context of industrial development and Sustainable Development Goals 9 and 5;

6. *Requests* the Director General to submit to the General Conference at its seventeenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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3 December 2015*

GC.16/Res.4 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 26 and 27 November 2015,

Taking note also of the Vienna Ministerial Declaration for 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, 2016-2019, to take special account of the needs of least developed countries on their path to graduation requiring an enhanced focus on inclusive and sustainable industrial development particularly through manufacturing, serving as a dynamic force for structural transformation and economic diversification within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in particular Goal 9;

2. *Calls upon* all development partners, to continue to mobilize adequate funding for UNIDO in order to continue implementing the Organization's Operational Strategy towards the achievement of inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the least developed countries;

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

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3 December 2015*

Annex**Ministerial Declaration:****Operationalizing ISID for LDCs: “the path to graduation and beyond”****Vienna, 27 November 2015**

We, the Ministers of Industry, Ministers of Economy and/or Finance and Heads of Delegation, participating in the sixth UNIDO Ministerial Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Gathered here in Vienna, Austria, from 26 November to 27 November 2015, in order to provide strategic guidance for the effective implementation of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) for the least developed countries within the framework of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the African Union Agenda 2063 “The Africa we want”,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the principles set out in resolution 70/1 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its seventieth session entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and its recognition of the shared responsibility for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership,

Emphasizing the importance of the outcomes of all recent major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environment and related fields, including the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and the five previous LDC Ministerial conferences organized by UNIDO and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OHRLLS), as well as ministerial meetings organized by LDCs with the support of OHRLLS in Cotonou, Kathmandu and Milan,

Emphasizing also the importance of the expected outcome of the 21st session of the conference of parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to be held in Paris on 30 November 2015 as outlined in the decision 1 CP.17, especially in enhancing the adaptive capacity of the LDCs to climate change impacts,

Recalling the overarching goal of the Istanbul Programme of Action to overcome the structural constraints and challenges faced by the Least Developed Countries in order to eradicate poverty, achieve the recently internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and enable graduation from the status of least developed countries,

Recognizing that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and that manufacturing is a dynamic force in fostering sustainable development,

Reiterating that the development potential of LDCs can be unlocked by an effective operational strategy to foster ISID, with an emphasis on creating income

and employment opportunities for all and enhancing earnings from manufacturing both for domestic and export markets,

Acknowledging the interlinkages between inclusive and sustainable industrial development and trade; and the need for industrial and trade policies to be aligned to help LDCs diversify their production and export base,

Reaffirming that all countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, should take the bold steps that are urgently needed to accelerate the path to graduation of LDCs and pledge that no one will be left behind in this process as reiterated in the Lima Declaration,

Taking note of UNIDO's major achievements in support of LDCs following four years of implementation of its LDC Operational Strategy and two years after the endorsement of the UNIDO Lima Declaration,

Taking note also of the work achieved by OHRLLS in facilitating a coordinated implementation and coherence in the follow-up and monitoring of the IPoA as well as the work of all related United Nations bodies in this regard,

Declare that:

1. The LDC path to graduation requires an enhanced focus on inclusive and sustainable industrial development through manufacturing, serving as a dynamic force for structural transformation and economic diversification within the framework of the SDG targets in general and Goal-9 in particular;

2. The envisaged GDP growth rate of 7 per cent per annum in LDCs, as stated in SDG target 8.1, should be led by productive sector-driven growth, as opposed to dependence on commodity-led growth, converting resource-based comparative advantages into competitiveness and commodities into value added products;

3. Building resilient infrastructure, energy for productive purposes and fostering innovation through the effective transfer of technology including technology banks are critical for accelerating the pace of industrial expansion on the path to graduation; in this regard, the role of agencies, such as UNCDF, should be stressed and supported by all stakeholders;

4. In light of the new industrial realities triggered partly by technological change, the path to graduation will entail an enhanced focus on value addition, investments in human capital through knowledge, skills development, innovation, commercializing new knowledge and the identification of viable approaches for the adoption of best practices;

5. That particular challenges faced by some least developed countries in post conflict situations and their human, economic and social implications need to be recognized and their stability enhanced to achieve sustainable development;

6. As emphasized in the Kathmandu and Milan Declaration, graduation should be regarded as a means to achieve structural change, poverty eradication and economic diversification in the country and thereby contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals;

7. Incorporating ISID into national economic policies, development plans and programmes will assist in the achievement of both the IPoA and Goal-9, and

add to national ownership and leadership through the creation of the required industrial policy space and institutional direction;

8. And request UNIDO to expand its pilot Partnership Country Programmes initiated in Senegal and Ethiopia to other LDCs in all regions taking into account lessons learnt and best practices;

9. National development efforts need to be supported by a Global Partnership for Sustainable Development in a mutually beneficial win-win scenario at the global and regional levels to achieve the priorities cited in the IPoA, and through the forging of viable partnerships, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation;

10. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development, duly endorsed by the General Assembly, is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and is critical for the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets;

11. In the spirit of shared responsibility and mutual accountability, Official Development Assistance (ODA) is essential for achieving the aspirations of the LDCs and in this regard, we pledge to initiate the necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of concrete inclusive and sustainable industrial development activities;

12. The collaboration between UNIDO and the WTO as well as other trade-related agencies towards helping LDCs on their path to graduation should be strengthened, particularly by intensifying trade-related technical assistance and capacity-building activities that will facilitate the implementation of the trade-related objectives and actions of the IPoA and the SDGs through mechanisms under the Aid For Trade Initiative including the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF);

13. The high-level midterm review of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action will be comprehensive and highlight best practices and lessons learned. The midterm review will also identify obstacles and constraints encountered and propose actions and initiatives needed to overcome them building on the decisions contained, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this regard, we call upon all Member States and invite the organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional finance institutions to actively participate in the midterm review, at the highest level possible, as well as in its preparatory processes;

14. As a follow-up to the UNIDO Ministerial Conference on Least Developed Countries 2015, we call upon all partners to ensure adequate financing for the development and implementation of country-specific and regional operational strategies and policy interventions, aimed at unlocking the potential of LDCs to graduate.

Adopted in Vienna, Austria, on 27 November 2015

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Annex

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