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## Turkey & UNIDO to strengthen partnership in Central Asia, Caucasus and Middle East

*Istanbul Turkey, 3 - 5 June, 2004*



Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Gül (left) with UNIDO Director-General at UNIDO HQ August, 2003

Mehmet Hilmi Güler; Trade Representatives of the Middle East Technical University (METU) Technopark; Acting President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (UC CET) and President of ACI, Zafer Caglayan; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ankara Chamber of Industry (ACI) Nuri Tufekcioglu; and President of the Turkish International Cooperation Agency ([TICA](#)) Hakan Fidan.

UNIDO Director-General Carlos Magariños met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Gül and a number of Turkish officials on visit to Ankara on 7 June, 2004. The Director-General was in Turkey to chair a workshop at the [Second OECD Ministerial Conference on Small and Medium Enterprises](#), hosted by the Turkish Ministry of Industry and Trade, in Istanbul 3 - 5 June, 2004 ([see UNIDOScope 13 - 19 June 2004](#)).

In addition to Deputy Prime Minister Gül, the Director-General had discussions with: Minister of Trade and Industry, Ali Coskun; Minister of Energy and Natural Resources,

Minister of Foreign Affairs Gül praised the role of UNIDO and the Director-General in the strengthening of multinational technical assistance and the fruitful cooperation with Turkey, emphasising that he very much appreciated UNIDO's and the Director-General's role in the success of the OECD Conference in Istanbul. The Director-General stressed that UNIDO sees Turkey as a strategic partner in the implementation of a programme for Central Asia, Caucasus and Middle East and referred to the [International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies](#) (ICHET) as an example of the mutual trust between the partners. He also

briefed the Minister on his discussions with Minister of Trade and Industry Coskun and Energy and Natural Resources Güler as well as representatives of the private sector. He also informed the Minister of his wish to strengthen the UNIDO Centre for Regional Cooperation in Ankara and in agreement with TICA, to develop a joint programme of activities in the region.



Turkey's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Mehmet Hilmi Güler and the UNIDO Director-General signing the ICHET Trust Fund at UNIDO HQ October, 2003

The Minister thanked the Director-General for his attention and stressed the needs of the region and Turkey's participation in a special programme for the Central Asian Republics, Palestine, Europe and the member countries of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. Particularly, he referred to the programme for Palestine, which is in the process of elaboration with the assistance of Turkey with the aim to develop the private sector and strengthen the production capacity. The Director-General and the Minister of Foreign Affairs agreed to work together on a joint UNIDO-Palestine programme. The Minister said that the Turkish side was ready to provide concrete proposals for each of the programmes. He also stressed Turkey's interest to continue and further

expand the work in the republics of Central Asia, and he referred to energy efficiency, renewable energy and agro-industrial development. In practical terms, the Minister of Foreign Affairs said that TICA could expand its work in the Central Asian region and could be one of UNIDO's counterparts, in consultation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with the aim to elaborate a comprehensive programme for Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Middle East. The Director-General invited the Minister to pay UNIDO a visit to make a special presentation for the economic community and staff at large.

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## APEC Forum on Innovation and Development of SMEs draws new members to UNIDO Supply Chain Programme

*Qingdao, Shandong Province, China, 2 - 6 June 2004*



UNIDO industrial subcontracting and partnership specialist Patrick Gilabert at the APEC SME Technology Conference

The 3rd Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Medium and Small Enterprises Technology Conference (METC) and Fair, held from 2 to 6 June 2004 in [Qingdao, China](#) drew over 1,000 participants. The event was sponsored by the National Development and Reform Commission of P.R.C. and organized by China Center for Business Cooperation and Coordination and Qingdao Municipal People's Government. APEC, with 21 members including China, is one of the largest regional economic cooperation organizations in the world. Chinese leaders have attached great importance to APEC and have attended all the APEC Economic Leaders' Informal Meetings since 1993. The first APEC SME Technology Conference and Fair was held in Tokyo, in 1996, the second in Yantai, China, in 1998.

The Qingdao event was held under the banner *Technology Boosts Economy, and Cooperation Creates Future*, with the objective of enhancing economic and trade cooperation and exchange between APEC members and promoting the overall development of SMEs. The main focus was on automobiles and automobile accessories, chemical products, building material, electronics and home appliances, textiles and garments, handicrafts, environmental protection products and food processing, pharmacy & medical equipment. Advanced technologies and products in other supporting industries were also showcased.

The Technology Fair side of the METC event, devoted to product exhibition and trade talks for sourcing, involved some 1,200 exhibition booths for domestic and foreign businesses. More than 50 transnational companies participated in the Fair. The Technology Conference, devoted to technical exchanges and forums, covered such fields as enterprise information, innovation and development of SME, supply chain development.

UNIDO was invited to participate in the day-long *Forum on Innovation & Development of SMEs* held on 3 June 2004 to present [UNIDO's Industrial Subcontracting and Supply Chain Development \(SPX\) Programme](#). The Forum looked at issues relating to: improving SME development, SME globalization and accession to multinational company manufacturing and supply chains. The UNIDO delegate was supported during his three-day participation in the METC programme by Deputy Director of the China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchange ([CICETE](#)), Sun Tongquan and two senior staff. The SME Innovation and Development Forum was one of the major activities of the 3rd APEC METC program, attracting about 250 participants from Chinese SMEs and representatives of APEC Member countries. Mr. Liang Bo, Deputy Director-General, Department of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation of Shandong Province opened the Forum.

Speakers at the *Forum on Innovation & Development of SMEs* included: Vice-Governor of Shandong Province, Sun Shou Pu; Adviser to the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC) and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), Yu Xiaosong; Deputy Director, [CICETE](#), Sun Tongquan; Sales Director, DELL Computer China, Rick Yin; the Deputy Secretary General, [National Development and Reform Commission of PR of China](#); the Deputy Director of the Institute of Industrial Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; the Director of State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of State Council (RC/SASAC); and the Director of the Qingdao Overseas Economic and Technological Exchange Center.

After the Forum, the Deputy Director of Qingdao Municipal Economic Committee, the Director of the Qingdao Overseas Economic and Technology Exchange Center and representatives of Papua New Guinea said they would like to join UNIDO's SPX Programme.

UNIDO's first subcontracting and partnership exchange in China (SPX Chongqing), was officially inaugurated on the 15 April 2004 by Vice-Mayor of Chongqing, Jianong Wu ([see UNIDOScope 2 -2 8 May 2004](#)). The inauguration ceremony for the second SPX in China (SPX Beijing) was held just prior to the APEC METC, on 31 May, 2004.

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## **G77 Celebrates 40th Anniversary**

*Vienna, Austria, 15 June, 2004*

The Group of 77 and China celebrated its 40th Anniversary on 15th June, 2004. The G-77 and China Statement delivered by Ambassador Taous Feroukhi, Permanent Representative of Algeria and Chairperson of the G77 is reproduced here in full.

"Excellencies, Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of IAEA and our guest of honour; Ambassador



Wolfgang Hofmann, Executive Secretary of CTBTO; Ladies and Gentlemen; it gives me a great pleasure to address you, as Chairperson of the G-77 and China, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Group and hereby pay tribute to the founding fathers.

The G-77 was established on 15th June 1964, when 77 developing countries issued a Joint Declaration during the first United Nations Conference on Trade and Development held in Geneva. The [Joint Declaration](#) summarizes the raison d'être of the Group and sets out the members' common objectives in the field of trade, economic and development. The birth of the Group is one of the most significant political phenomenon of mid 20th century. For the first time, the marginalized nations found a common voice in defending their

Amused by Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Olewale Maiyegun, Permanent Mission of Nigeria; H.E. Ambassador G.H. bin Gulam Haniff, PR of Malaysia; H.E. Ambassador Taous Feroukhi, PR of Algeria; Ms. Annemarie Heuls, G-77Office; Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director-General, IAEA; and Ms. Haruko Hirose, Managing Director, UNIDO  
[print-friendly pdf picture gallery of the celebrations](#)  
(photos Dean Calma / IAEA)

interests and promoting greater equity and justice in international relations.

The G-77 adopted its Charter on the occasion of its first Ministerial Meeting held in Algiers, Algeria on 25 October 1967, and subsequently developed its institutional structure, which led to the creation of Chapters of the Group in New York, Geneva, Nairobi, Paris, Rome, Vienna and Washington DC. In Vienna, although the Group has been functioning before, the Office of the Vienna Chapter kindly provided by Mr. Carlos Magarinos, the Director General of UNIDO, was formally inaugurated on 19 May 1998. The Chapter covers all the VIC-based organizations, namely: UNIDO, IAEA, UNOV, and the preparatory Commission for CTBT.

In each chapter, a Chairman who acts as its spokesperson coordinates the work of the Group. The chairmanship rotates on a regional basis. The Office of the Chairman provides support for the preparation of meetings and serves as its institutional memory. The Group elaborates joint declarations, action programs and agreements on specific topics and also makes statements, sponsors and negotiates resolutions and decisions at global conferences and other meetings held under the aegis of the UN.

Today, the membership of the Group has reached 132 countries, but the original name has been maintained for its historic significance. Also, we now have China associated with the Group. Why G77 and China?

Although not a formal member of the G-77, China has been a supporter of the Group's positions and has maintained close relations with the Group. The association between the G-77 and China started in connection with the preparations for the UN Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio in June 1992. For the first time, the two sides jointly put forward a position paper in the name of G-77 and China. From then on, the form of cooperation and the working relationship between the G-77 and China has grown from strength to strength.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen. Our untiring efforts notwithstanding, it is evident today that we are yet to fully realize the agenda of our founding fathers. Redressing imbalances, eliminating poverty and assuring peace and stability are outstanding challenges which are common and shared responsibility. The G-77 and China remains committed to strengthening and revitalizing the multilateral system, particularly international cooperation, as a better mechanism for an equitable decision making process, in order to achieve socio-economic development of the developing world.

To this end, members of the Group are making their utmost efforts towards the realization of the Millennium Development Goals, which are those of the international community. This shared responsibility requires innovative approaches and political impetus to make international cooperation as a "decisive instrument for ending the division of the world into areas of affluence and intolerable poverty". The Group, therefore, urges the implementation of the commitments made at Monterrey, Mexico, the industrialization of developing countries, the prevention and fighting of terrorism, transnational organized crime, drug trafficking and money laundering, peaceful use of outer space, as well as transfer of technology in the field of nuclear energy for peaceful uses.

In commemorating its fortieth anniversary, the Group attests to its vitality and the cohesion of its members. We rest on the clarity of our vision and unity in the implementation of the Action Plan adopted at the first South-South Summit in Havana, Cuba in 2000, and the High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation held in Marrakech, Morocco in 2003.

Forty years after the establishment of the Group, we the members of the Vienna Chapter, inspired by the spirit of Vienna, pledge to maintain and further strengthen our unity as well as our cooperation with our development partners. I thank you for celebrating with us the anniversary of our Group and invite you later in this programme to share the cultural displays as well as the culinary specialties and varieties of our respective countries. Health, prosperity and success for the G-77 and China!!!!"

Information on other events relating to 40th Anniversary celebration can be found at the G77 website <http://www.g77.org/40/index.htm>

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