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General Conference****Submitted by the President of the forty-seventh session of the  
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## Introduction

1. Following the request contained in paragraph (e) of decision IDB.47/Dec.11 of the Industrial Development Board, informal consultations were conducted to prepare the eighteenth session of the General Conference. The consultations were held on 26 September, 14, 21 and 24 October 2019 (chaired by H.E. Mr. Senén Florensa Palau, President of the Board). The present report covers the work of those meetings.
2. With the aim of assisting the Conference in its work, the informal consultations considered the actions that the Conference would have to take on all the items in its provisional agenda.

## I. Organizational and procedural matters

3. The following organizational and procedural matters were discussed:

### Lists of States included in Annex I to the Constitution

4. The Conference will have to decide in which of the Lists of States of Annex I to the Constitution the following Member States are to be included:

States:	Date of accession:
Antigua and Barbuda	1 April 2019
Kiribati	9 February 2016
Micronesia (Federated States of)	7 March 2019

### Item 2: Election of the President

5. The informal consultations were informed that an agreement had been reached between the Lists of States allowing for the appointment of the President from the host-Member State (United Arab Emirates), representing the Asian States in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The agreement was laid out in working paper No. 1 issued on 5 August 2019. Subsequently, the informal consultations were informed of the nomination of H.E. Mr. Suhail Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Industry of the United Arab Emirates<sup>1</sup>, for the post of President.

### Election of other officers

6. The informal consultations were informed of the nomination of the following candidates for the posts of Vice-President:

African States in List A *	H.E. Ms. Faouzia Mebarki (Algeria) <sup>2</sup> H.E. Ms. Nada Kruger (Namibia) <sup>3</sup>
Asian States in List A *	H.E. Mr. Kazem Gharib Adadi (Iran (Islamic Republic of)) <sup>4</sup>

\* Refers to Lists of States in Annex I to the Constitution.

<sup>1</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of the Asian States in List A in a communication dated 3 October 2019

<sup>2</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of African States in List A in a note verbale dated 21 October 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of African States in List A in a note verbale dated 14 October 2019.

<sup>4</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of Asian States in List A in a communication dated 9 October 2019.

States in List B*	H.E. Ms. Pirkko Mirjami Hamalainen (Finland) <sup>5</sup> H.E. Mr. Gerhard Kuntzle (Germany) <sup>5</sup>
States in List D*	Ms. Andrea Éva Nemes (Hungary) <sup>6</sup> Ms. Vera V. Khutorskaya (Russian Federation) <sup>6</sup>

7. The Chair of States in List D informed the Secretariat that consensus on the provided nominations was not reached within their group.

8. The informal consultations were further informed that consultations for the post of Chair of the Main Committee were ongoing. States in List B informed that they were not in a position to nominate a Chair for the Main Committee. States in List D were encouraged to nominate a Chair of the Main Committee.

9. The following nominations for the posts of Vice-Chair of the Main Committee were submitted:

African States in List A	H.E. Ms. Vivian Rose Okeke (Nigeria) <sup>7</sup>
Asian States in List A	H.E. Ms. Maria Cleofe R. Natividad (Philippines) <sup>8</sup>

10. Should the States in List D not nominate a Chair for the Main Committee, the President of the Board requested the Secretariat to approach the two nominated Vice-Chairs from List A to chair the Main Committee.

### **Item 3: Adoption of the agenda**

11. The informal consultations agreed to recommend to the Conference the adoption of the agenda contained in document GC.18/1 as the agenda of the eighteenth session and the schedule of work as discussed. Regarding the sequence of the side events, any amendments will be shared with Permanent Missions prior to the Conference.

### **Item 4: Organization of work**

12. The informal consultations recommended to the General Conference that it:

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

(b) Also decide to establish, in accordance with rule 44 of its rules of procedure, one Main Committee on which each Member participating in the Conference may be represented;

(c) Further decide 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 request the Chairman of the Main Committee to submit a written report on its work in accordance with decisions GC.3/Dec.11 and IDB.46/Dec.3 to the Conference.

13. While being aware that the establishment of the Main Committee and the schedule of work of the Conference were subject to the recommendations of the General Committee, the informal consultations agreed to recommend to the Conference for adoption a tentative schedule of work (see annex).

<sup>5</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List B in a communication dated 22 October 2019.

<sup>6</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List D in notes verbales dated 15, 24 and 31 October 2019.

<sup>7</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of African States in List A in a note verbale dated 14 October 2019.

<sup>8</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of Asian States in List A in a communication dated 9 October 2019.

14. The informal consultations acknowledged the established practice of limiting statements in the general debate to a maximum of five minutes for Member States and ten minutes for regional groups.

**Item 5: Credentials of representatives to the Conference**

15. The informal consultations noted that, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the composition of the Credentials Committee would be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session, which is as follows:

Barbados, Botswana, China, Mauritius, Nepal, Russian Federation, San Marino, United States of America and Uruguay.

16. Since San Marino and the United States of America are not members of UNIDO, States from List B informed the consultations on 22 October that they would be replaced by Ireland and Spain.

**Item 6(a): Election of twenty-six members to the Industrial Development Board**

17. The informal consultations were informed of the following candidatures:

African States in List A	Egypt, Kenya, Mali, Namibia, Senegal and Sudan <sup>9</sup>
Asian States in List A	China, Indonesia, Kuwait, Republic of Korea and United Arab Emirates <sup>10</sup>
States in List B	Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway and Sweden <sup>11</sup>
States in List C	Brazil, Mexico and Uruguay <sup>12</sup>
States in List D	Belarus, Poland and Slovenia <sup>13</sup>

18. The Chairs of States in Lists B and C informed the Secretariat that consensus on the provided nominations was not reached within their respective groups.

**Item 6(b): Election of members to the Programme and Budget Committee**

19. The informal consultations were informed of the following candidatures:

African States in List A	Algeria, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa, Sudan and Tunisia <sup>10</sup>
Asian States in List A	China, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic republic of), Kyrgyzstan and Philippines <sup>11</sup>
States in List B	Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malta, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey <sup>12</sup>
States in List C	Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) <sup>14</sup>
States in List D	Hungary, Poland and Russian Federation <sup>14</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of African States in List A in a note verbale dated 14 October 2019.

<sup>10</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of Asian States in List A in a communication dated 3 October 2019.

<sup>11</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List B in a communication dated 22 October 2019 to be confirmed.

<sup>12</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List C in note verbale dated 7 and 22 October 2019.

<sup>13</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List D in a note verbale dated 21 October 2019.

<sup>14</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List C in a note verbale dated 7 October 2019.

20. The Chairs of States in Lists B, C and D informed the Secretariat that consensus on the provided nominations was not reached within their respective groups.

**Item 10(d): Appointment of an External Auditor**

21. Members were advised of the possible need to nominate three tellers, in line with rule 100 of the rules of procedure, should voting be necessary under this item. It was recommended to follow the same approach as for the previous elections, when one teller had been nominated from the Group of 77, one from States in List B and one from States in List D.

22. The Group of 77 nominated Ms. Jane Bosibori Makori (Kenya) as teller. States in List B nominated Mr. Michael Schmidt-Edinger (Germany)<sup>12</sup> as teller. States in List D nominated Ms. Yulia Plokhova (Russian Federation)<sup>15</sup> as teller.

23. The Chair of States in List D informed the Secretariat that consensus on the provided nomination was not reached within their group.

## II. Substantive matters

### A. Texts recommended to the General Conference

24. The outcome of the discussions on substantive items is reflected in the texts for draft decisions and resolutions that are reproduced in annex I. All texts were agreed by consensus, i.e. by all participants in the informal meetings held on 14, 21 and 24 October 2019. They relate to items 10 (a), 10 (b), 10 (c), 11, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23 and are forwarded to the Main Committee for consideration.

25. Member States agreed on a request to extend the deadline for submission of draft decisions and resolutions, which had been set in decision IDB.47/Dec.11 (f) at 14 October, until 16 October 2019.

### B. Other texts

26. At the informal consultations on 14, 21 and 24 October 2019, Member States considered draft text for an “Abu Dhabi Declaration” submitted by the United Arab Emirates, and a draft resolution, under item 14 on “UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women”, submitted by Norway and co-sponsored by Belarus, Dominican Republic, Finland, Japan, Mexico and Thailand.

27. At the informal consultations, Member States were informed that a number of informal informals had taken place on the above texts, with considerable progress made on several points. Member States were informed that additional informal informals would be held prior to the Conference, on the basis of which an addendum to this document would be issued.

28. Member States agreed to forward the draft declaration and resolution resulting from these consultations to the Main Committee for consideration.

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<sup>15</sup> Nominations submitted by the Chair of States in List D in a note verbale dated 24 October 2019.

## Annex I

### Texts agreed by consensus at the informal consultations and forwarded to the Main Committee

#### Item 10 (a): Scale of assessments of Member States

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Takes note of document PBC.35/6 and [PBC.35/6/Rev.1](#);
- (b) Decides to establish a scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2020–2021 based on the United Nations General Assembly resolution [73/271](#), 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;
- (c) Urges Member States to pay their assessed contributions for the 2020–2021 biennium in accordance with financial regulation 5.5 (b), which states that contributions and advances shall be due and payable in full within thirty days of the receipt of the communication of the Director General, or as of the first day of the calendar year to which it relates, whichever is later;
- (d) Calls on Member States and former Member States that are in arrears to fulfil their constitutional obligations by paying their outstanding assessed contributions in full and without conditions as soon as possible, or to take advantage of payment plans to settle their arrears, in accordance with previous decisions by the policymaking organs of UNIDO.

*[Based on Board decision IDB.47/Dec.14]*

#### Item 10 (b): Financial situation of UNIDO

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Takes note of the information provided in document GC.18/5;
- (b) Urges 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) Requests the Director General to pursue his efforts and contacts with Member States and former Member States to effect the collection of arrears.

*[Based on document GC.18/5, para 18]*

#### Item 10 (c): Working Capital Fund

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Takes note of Board decision IDB.47/Dec.4;
- (b) Decides that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2020–2021 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2020–2021 should remain the same as for the biennium 2018–2019, i.e. as stipulated in decision GC.2/Dec.27, paragraph (b);
- (c) Urges 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;
- (d) Invites the Informal Working Group to discuss the adequacy of the level of the Working Capital Fund and to develop, in close consultation with the Secretariat, proposals for consideration at the next Programme and Budget Committee.

*[Based on Board decision IDB.47/Dec.4]*

**Item 10 (c): Activating the use of the Working Capital Fund to significantly reduce the problem of unutilized balances of appropriations**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Takes note of Board decision IDB.47/Dec.5;
- (b) Recalls decisions GC.1/Dec.33 and GC.2/Dec.27 regarding the establishment, purpose, and conditions of the Working Capital Fund and notes that:
  - (i) The sources of money for the Working Capital Fund shall be advances from Member States made in accordance with the scale of assessment as adopted by the General Conference;
  - (ii) The current level of the Working Capital Fund is approved at €7,423,030 by GC.17/Dec.16;
  - (iii) The General Conference authorizes the Director General to advance from the Working Capital Fund such amounts as might be necessary to finance budgetary appropriations pending the receipt of contributions; and
  - (iv) Such advances from the Working Capital Fund should be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for that purpose;
- (c) Confirms the purpose and conditions of use of the Working Capital Fund and requests the Director General to avail of this provision prudently to decrease, and minimize unutilized balances of appropriations arising from the late payment of assessed contributions;
- (d) Further requests the Secretariat to make use of the Working Capital Fund within the provisions of the existing Financial Regulations;
- (e) Reaffirms that the regular review of the Working Capital Fund level on a biennial basis by the Programme and Budget Committee, the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference shall be maintained to determine the adequacy of the Working Capital Fund;
- (f) Requests the Director General to report annually to the Industrial Development Board through the Programme and Budget Committee on the effect of the aforementioned measures on the financial situation of the Organization;
- (g) Urges 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;
- (h) Invites the Informal Working Group to discuss the adequacy of the level of the Working Capital Fund and to develop, in close consultation with the Secretariat, proposals for consideration at the next Programme and Budget Committee.

*[Based on Board decision IDB.47/Dec.5]*

**Item 11: Programme and budgets, 2020–2021**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Takes note of the proposals of the Director General on the programme and budgets for the biennium 2020–2021, as contained in document [IDB.47/5-PBC.35/5](#) and amended by document [IDB.47/5-PBC.35/5](#) Addendum 1 and [IDB.47/5](#) Addendum 2;
- (b) Takes note that the proposed programme and budgets are created in order to fulfil the mandate of the Organization within the broader development context of the ongoing reform of the United Nations development system and incorporates within the proposal the increased cost of UNIDO's contribution to the United Nations Resident Coordinator system, in line with United Nations General Assembly resolution [72/279](#);

(c) Approves estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €144,091,811<sup>16</sup> to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €138,924,543, other income of €2,551,500 and efficiency gains of €942,223 and a balance of €1,673,545 to be financed from all available resources, including:

- (i) Voluntary contributions;
- (ii) Increased application of the full cost recovery principle;
- (iii) Voluntary renouncements of unspent balances of appropriations;
- (iv) Further savings, prioritizations and efficiencies if appropriate;
- (v) And, as a last resort, to draw on the funds allocated to strengthening the United Nations development system, in accordance with Annex II of the Constitution;

with the assurance that the above would not hamper the core functions of the Organization including technical cooperation activities, as well as staffing and the field network;

(d) Also approves estimates of gross expenditures totalling €37,867,400 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2020–2021 to be financed from the reimbursement of support costs pertaining to technical cooperation and other services in the amount of €37,571,300 and other income amounting to €296,100 as may be provided for in the financial regulations;

(e) Further, approves €197,000 accumulated in the Special Account of Voluntary Contributions for Core Activities for the purpose of career development training during the biennium 2020–2021;

(f) Requests the Director General to:

(i) Continue financing the United Nations Resident Coordinator system, in line with paragraph (c) above, with the understanding that:

a. In 2020 and 2021, an amount of up to \$2,637,121 (€2,228,367) will be paid annually;

b. The Director General proactively contributes to the process and the review of the cost-sharing formula for the calculation of contributions to the Resident Coordinator System, within the United Nations Sustainable Development Group, in the best interest of the Organization, bearing in mind *inter alia* the implications of the Organization's current cost-sharing contribution on its regular budget, and regularly report to Member States, including to the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board;

(ii) Report to each session of the Industrial Development Board on the services provided by the United Nations Resident Coordinator system, leading to cost-savings, synergies and efficiencies and to ensure accountability and transparency for the funds provided by UNIDO to the United Nations Resident Coordinator system;

(iii) Establish the following draft budget 2022–2023 according to results-based budgeting principles;

(iv) Ensure a balanced allocation of resources among Major Programmes during the execution of the programme and budgets 2020–2021 with a special emphasis on Least Developed Countries;

(v) Submit detailed reports on the state of financing and implementation of the programme and budget 2020–2021 to the Programme and Budget

<sup>16</sup> This amount is to be reviewed following the review of the cost-sharing formula for the calculation of the contribution to the Resident Coordinator System within the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

Committee, the Industrial Development Board, and the General Conference of UNIDO;

(g) Notes that the “Special Resources for Africa” together with voluntary contributions will be used to foster industrialization in Africa and implement UNIDO’s leading role assigned in United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/293 on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

*[Based on Board decision IDB.47/Dec.13]*

#### **Item 11: Unutilized balances of appropriations**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Takes note of the distribution of document GC.18/3/Add.1 and GC.18/CRP.3 on the status of unutilized balances;

(b) Underlines the necessity of strictly adhering to the provisions of the UNIDO Financial Regulations;

(c) Recalls that, according to the provisions of the Financial Regulations of UNIDO, the unutilized balances of appropriations should be returned to the Member States;

(d) Recalls the Industrial Development Board decision entitled “Programme and budgets, 2020–2021” (IDB.47/Dec.13) and that Member States had approved that regular budget gross expenditures would be financed from assessed contributions, other income, efficiency gains and a balance of €1,673,545 from all available resources including voluntary renouncements of unspent balances of appropriations, so that from the amount of unutilized balances of appropriations due to Member States in 2020, remaining on 31 December 2019 and voluntarily renounced to the Organization, up to €1,673,545 may be utilized to support regular budget gross expenditures, if so allocated for that purpose by the Member State voluntarily renouncing its share of unutilized balances;

(e) Encourages Member States to consider voluntarily renouncing their shares of the unutilized balances of appropriations in order to strengthen the programmes of UNIDO;

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

#### **Item 15: UNIDO and Small Island Developing States**

*The General Conference:*

*Recalling* the Lima Declaration: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (GC.15/Res.1),

*Also recalling* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes, inter alia, that all countries, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), still face significant challenges in achieving sustainable development,

*Further recalling* the Paris Agreement, and noting with concern that climate change and sea level rise continue to pose a significant risk to SIDS and their development efforts,

*Recalling* the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados Programme of Action), the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action Pathway (SAMOA Pathway),

*Noting* that the comprehensive review of United Nations System support for SIDS carried out by the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU/REP/2016/7) in 2016 provided recommendations to the United Nations agencies, which included, among others, to mainstream the SAMOA Pathway in strategic plans,

*Taking note* of the Political Declaration of the high-level meeting to review progress made in addressing the priorities of Small Island Developing States through the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, adopted by the General Assembly on 10 October 2019, which calls for, among others, the scaling-up of investments for economic growth and diversification, as well as in science and technology as a means of incentivizing innovation and entrepreneurship, addressing through innovative approaches chemical wastes and plastic litter, and the importance of access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for Small Island Developing States,

*Acknowledging* that inclusive and sustainable industrial development can effectively contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and to the sustainable development of SIDS,

*Expressing* appreciation for UNIDO's efforts in support of SIDS, including the SAMOA Pathway partnership launched with SIDS DOCK establishing the network of regional sustainable energy centres for SIDS in Africa, the Caribbean, the Pacific and the Indian Ocean,

*Takes note* of UNIDO's Small Island Developing States Strategy 2019–2025 (GC.18/CRP.5),

1. *Requests* the Director General to implement the SIDS Strategy and to continue to align UNIDO's SIDS programmes and projects to support the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway;

2. *Also requests* the Director General to continue the activities of UNIDO, in line with the strategy and the priorities outlined in UNIDO's Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF), within its mandate, and in cooperation with other development partners, to support the sustainable development efforts of SIDS, to address climate change, reduce poverty and inequalities and to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

3. *Encourages* the Director General to further promote multi-stakeholder partnerships, including with the private sector as appropriate, with a view, inter alia, to support the implementation of UNIDO's SIDS Strategy;

4. *Requests* the Director General to report on the implementation of UNIDO's SIDS Strategy to the General Conference at its nineteenth session.

*[Draft resolution submitted by Cuba, Dominican Republic and Norway, and co-sponsored by Austria, Germany, Ireland, Peru, Spain and the Group of 77 and China]*

#### **Item 15: UNIDO and the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP)**

*The General Conference:*

*Underlining* the importance of partnerships for the realization of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) as well as the need to mobilize knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources from various actors *to* achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda,

*Noting* the effective contribution of the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) to the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the mobilization of public and private resources to support countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),

*Taking note* that the PCP model provides an integrated and holistic approach for meeting Member States' needs for industrial development, aligned with national industrialization strategies,

*Recalling* GC.17/Res.2 on UNIDO and the Programme for Country Partnership, which invited UNIDO to draw on lessons learned from the piloting phase to further enhance its approach in the expansion of the PCP to additional countries,

*Also recalling* the updated medium-term programmatic framework for 2018–2021, which refers to multi-stakeholder partnerships, in particular through the PCP approach, as a key element to UNIDO's implementation approach and the dual objective of integration and scaling-up,

*Welcoming* the results achieved so far in the implementation of the pilot PCPs, which highlight:

(a) The PCPs as an effective means for up-scaling the impact of UNIDO's work and enhancing the Organization's contribution to countries' industrial development agendas,

(b) The high-level commitment and ownership of the PCPs at the national level,

(c) The involvement of various partners from programming to implementation and the established partnerships and synergies through the PCPs, including the enhanced collaboration with the United Nations Development System,

*Taking note* with appreciation of the continuous efforts undertaken by the Secretariat and the Director General to:

(a) Regularly brief and inform Member States on the progress of the PCP and engage in a dialogue on the way forward,

(b) Refine the PCP approach building on the recommendations of the independent mid-term evaluation of the PCP and the lessons learned through the piloting phase.

1. *Invites* Member States wishing to develop a PCP to ensure full ownership and leadership, and allocate the necessary human and financial resources to ensure the success of the PCP;

2. *Encourages* Member States to contribute to the Partnership Trust Fund to ensure the sustainability of the PCP approach and its further expansion in the medium-term;

3. *Encourages* the Director General to support PCP governments to enhance cooperation with the private sector as well as to support the governments to mobilize public and private partnerships and resources for the advancement of ISID;

4. *Calls on* UNIDO to support the use of the PCP model, including by self-starter countries, as a positive contribution towards sustainable industrial development;

5. *Invites* the Secretariat to build on the successes, experiences and lessons learned through the piloting phase, including the upcoming independent final evaluations of pilot PCPs, and integrate these in the expansion to other countries, as well as facilitate the technology transfer, at mutually agreed terms, to the developing countries;

6. *Invites* the Secretariat to continue to regularly brief Member States on PCP progress, including the selection process of candidates;

7. *Calls on* the Secretariat to facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practices among current and prospective PCP countries;

8. *Requests* the Director General to provide for systematic engagement with the UNRCs and United Nations country teams in the PCP countries as well as

integration of PCPs into United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks to ensure full use of UNRC services, synergies and coherence in operations to maximise efficiency and effectiveness of PCPs;

9. *Requests* the Director General to enhance integration of UNIDO services and the closer coordination between the headquarter and the field network through the PCP;

*[Draft resolution submitted by the European Union and its Member States, and the Group of 77 and China, and co-sponsored by Peru]*

**Item 15: Accelerating UNIDO’s activities of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development and the effective transfer of Industrial Development Experiences**

*The General Conference:*

*Recalling* the Lima Declaration: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (GC.15/Res.1),

*Also, recalling* the adoption, in 2015, of United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and also *underlining* UNIDO’s General Conference resolution GC.16/Res.2, which calls on UNIDO to align all its activities with the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

*Appreciating* UNIDO’s continuous alignment of its programmatic objectives and priorities with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and in line with resolution GC.16/Res.2 and with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (General Assembly resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015), and its efforts to consolidate UNIDO’s participation in United Nations system-wide coherence mechanisms, including the United Nations Resident Coordinator system for the benefit of its Member States through highlighting the importance of ISID, following the United Nations General Assembly Resolution [72/279](#),

*Welcoming* the continued efforts of the Secretariat to find, in consultation with Member States, new approaches to delivering UNIDO’s technical assistance in a way that creates synergies with other public and private sector organizations with a view to maximizing the positive impact and to the contribution to ISID in developing countries and least developed countries,

*Recognizing* the beneficial aspects of the well-designed expansion of the programmatic approach through the PCPs, which integrates the design and delivery of its core functions in its recipient Member States,

*Recognizing* the significance and relevance of resolution ..... presented by the European Union and the Group of 77 and China to the 18th session of the General Conference of UNIDO regarding the PCP,

*Appreciating* the leadership of the Director General and the wide range of technical and financial partnerships which UNIDO develops for the upscaling of technical cooperation since the Lima Declaration of 2013,

*Noting* with appreciation UNIDO’s contributions in the promotion of ISID towards the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution [70/293](#) of 25 July 2016) and recognizing the essential role played by UNIDO in upholding the importance of the industrial development as an engine of growth for the developing countries,

1. Welcomes UNIDO’s constructive efforts towards strengthening the “knowledge and institutions”, in line with the Fourth Strategic Priority of the Medium-Term Programme Framework 2018–2021, and calls upon UNIDO to utilise the full capacity of its Field Offices, in partnership with the United Nations Resident Coordinator System, to develop and implement programmes and projects leading to more effective contributions in the acceleration of industrial development in the

developing and least developed countries, while using the most efficient possible means, and in collaboration and partnership with international donors and financial institutions;

2. Requests the Director General and UNIDO to continue to sensitize and engage with policy makers, public and private sectors and academia to upscale the transfer of knowledge, experiences and best practices that exist in successful Industrial Development models to the developing countries, through the holding of seminars and workshops in the context of the South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation frameworks, within existing resources;

3. Invites UNIDO to engage further in the implementation of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development while ensuring the achievement of a low carbon future and guaranteeing that no one is left behind, and in providing more opportunities for the transfer of technology to developing countries, especially in the fields that are most relevant to industrial development and sustainable development in those countries;

4. Invites the Secretariat, within existing resources, to hold informative workshops regarding the lessons learned and best practices emanating from the implementation of the PCP, for both officials of developing countries and UNIDO's staff, on the regional and intra-regional levels, as well as the arrangement, upon request and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, of fora that convene the PCP countries, donor countries and institutions, and prospective countries that may wish to join the PCP;

5. Calls also upon the Secretariat of UNIDO to provide summarized information of the accumulated knowledge from successful industrial developmental models, including the PCP's best practices, to Member States and on UNIDO's web platforms, annually and with a comparative analytical approach that focuses on means of reproducing the most successful methodology and applications.

*[Draft resolution submitted by Egypt, and co-sponsored by Kenya, Nigeria, Peru and Thailand]*

#### **Item 16: UNIDO and the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

*The General Conference:*

*Recalling* the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the pledge to ensure that “no one will be left behind” and to “endeavour to reach the furthest behind first” which calls for explicit action to end extreme poverty, curb inequalities, confront discrimination and fast-track progress for the furthest behind,

*Recalling* also United Nations General Assembly Resolution [70/293](#) on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (2016–2025) which mandates UNIDO, as the lead Organization, to develop, operationalize and spearhead the implementation of IDDA III as well as enhance technical assistance and efforts towards resource mobilization for African countries specifically for this purpose,

*Further recalling* the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which stresses the critical importance of industrial development for developing countries, as a critical source of economic growth, economic diversification, and value addition, and which also reaffirms the need to achieve a positive socioeconomic transformation in Africa,

*Acknowledging* the current socio-economic situation in the majority of African countries and impact on political stability and security which call for the urgent support of national efforts to reduce abject poverty and inequalities socio-economic inequalities through job creation, including through inclusive industrial development,

*Commending the* close collaboration between UNIDO and the African Union and the invaluable effective contribution of traditional and non-traditional donors and development partners to ensure meaningful and concrete implementation and outcome of IDDA III,

*Appreciating* the Director General in particular for the various initiatives to create awareness and mobilize resources towards the implementation of IDDA III, in particular the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) and its contribution to the implementation of IDDA III,

*Bearing in mind* the need to pull together to ensure that IDDA III succeeds based on concrete projects in support of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) and the attainment of the goals of the 2030 Agenda, including programmes that focus on socio-economic growth, job creation and poverty reduction,

Requests the Director General to:

1. Sustain consultations with African countries to ensure full ownership of projects and activities aimed at delivering concrete results, including job creation and poverty reduction, and that the projects are aligned to the 2030 Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and the 2063 Agenda of the African Union;
2. Continue dialogue with the African Union on joint measures that facilitate the concrete sustained implementation of inclusive industrial development by African Union Member States in support of IDDA III;
3. Maintain efforts to seek and promote broad-based partnerships in implementing IDDA III projects and programmes, necessary to ensure synergies among the activities of all stakeholders, private and public, among African countries, traditional and non-traditional donors, as well as the United Nations specialized Agencies and with bilateral, regional and multilateral initiatives and platforms, including Group of 20, Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) and Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) initiative in support of industrialization in Africa and LDCs;
4. To continue working closely with Member States, the African Union Commission and international organizations to provide necessary data and information in order to present a comprehensive overview of Africa-centred programmes and projects, as well as all the international organizations and donors, to ensure synergies and to identify where additional efforts would be needed to implement IDDA III;
5. Incorporate best practices in the design of projects under technical expertise provided to African countries in respective domestic industrial development policies and activities;
6. Encourages technology transfers between South-South and North-South, as well as capacity-building, taking into account the Paris Agreement on climate change, including Industry 4.0;
7. Facilitate the implementation of the Programme Country Partnership (PCP) as an effective tool for up-scaling UNIDO's role in the implementation of IDDA III and enhancing the Organization's contribution to African countries' industrial development agenda;
8. Report regularly to policymaking organs on the tangible progress in terms of concrete project implementation and impact at national levels, as well as the feedback from development partners, with a view to sustaining momentum for resource mobilization and supporting data collection.

*[Draft resolution submitted by the African Group and co-sponsored by Peru and the Group of 77 and China]*

#### **Item 17: UNIDO activities in energy and the environment**

*The General Conference:*

*Reaffirming* General Assembly resolution [A/RES/70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in

which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets which aim to leave no one behind and reach those furthest behind first,

*Also reaffirming* our commitment to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and efforts to eradicate poverty in the context of sustainable development,

*Welcoming* UNIDO's efforts to support Member States in achieving the goals of the above mentioned document,

*Recalling* previous General Conference resolutions on energy and the environment and in particular resolution GC.8/Res.2 on the Global Environment Facility, resolution GC.15/Res.4 on UNIDO activities in energy and environment, resolution GC.16/Res.2 on UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals, and resolution GC17/Res.4 on UNIDO activities in energy and environment,

*Taking note* of the report by the Director General on UNIDO's activities related to energy and environment (GC.18/11) and *welcoming* the concrete outcomes of UNIDO's energy and environment services, technical cooperation projects and programmes,

*Acknowledging* the positive contribution of the Organization towards the implementation of multilateral climate and environmental agreements and its catalytic role in the promotion of sustainable energy solutions and resource efficiency in manufacturing processes,

*Recalling* that UNIDO, under the medium-term programme framework (MTPF), 2018–2021 (IDB.45/8/Add.2), is expected, under the strategic priority of safeguarding the environment, to advance environmentally sustainable industrial development including by facilitating resource efficiency, and the sound treatment and disposal of wastes,

1. *Welcomes* UNIDO's activities in the area of energy and the environment that are supporting governments and industries in their sustainable industrial transformation and addressing emerging global trends such as the convergence of technologies and energy systems, advances in new materials, green chemistry and a broad range of innovation pathways for green and climate-friendly products, processes, and new business models, including circular economy;

2. *Requests* the Director General, within UNIDO's mandate and resources;

(a) To continue to integrate and scale up UNIDO's energy and environment activities, focusing on:

(i) Supporting governments and industries to provide sustainable and resilient soft and hard infrastructure for industrial development; including favourable regulatory frameworks, sustainable design, eco-industrial parks, sustainable energy supply, and access to water;

(ii) Supporting industries to contribute to climate neutrality and circular economy without delay by adopting energy and resource efficient manufacturing practices and innovations in design, production processes and product lifespan management, and by delivering related services;

(iii) Supporting governments and industries in fulfilling national commitments under multilateral climate and environmental agreements, by facilitating access to affordable green and climate finance, which contributes to a just transition towards sustainable industrialization.

(b) To further strengthen the implementation efficiency and effectiveness of UNIDO programmes co-financed by the Global Environment Facility, the Multilateral Fund for Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, bilateral donors and multi-donor initiatives in industry-related energy, climate and environment fields, and to report on these programmes to the Industrial Development Board;

(c) To expand appropriate cooperation mechanisms, networks, partnerships, and agreements on the implementation of projects and initiatives, with the entities of the United Nations development system, other international and regional organizations in the fields of energy, climate and environment, to build on complementarities, create synergies and increase efficiency and effectiveness;

(d) To further strengthen implementation efficiency and effectiveness of the projects and programmes of UNIDO on the productive and sustainable management of resources, including waste, and to further pursue programmes and projects aimed at the development of eco-industrial parks, circular economy, and, in line with the Minamata Convention, reduction of mercury use in artisanal and small-scale gold mining as well as mercury emissions from cement and other industries;

(e) To foster, in line with national needs and priorities, innovation and the transfer of know-how and technology on mutually agreed terms, in the fields of clean technology, industrial energy efficiency and management, resource efficiency, waste, water and materials management and the use of sustainable energy as well as circular economy practices in industrial processes and at value chain, industry and country levels;

(f) To strengthen UNIDO's role in advancing decarbonisation of industry by assisting Member States, especially developing and least developed countries, in incorporating industry perspectives and targets in their Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement and by building the capacity to mobilize investment through the Green Climate Fund;

(g) To enhance UNIDO's contribution to the Fourth Industrial Revolution by assisting developing countries in the uptake of transformative digital technologies, which would facilitate circular economy practices in value chains and industries;

(h) To organize technical meetings and consultations for experts from Member States on circular economy, with a view to facilitating exchanges on best practices, and emerging innovations and promotion and adoption of circular economy principles and practices by industries of Member States, as well as to continue undertaking formal, and informal briefings as recommended in resolution GC17/Res.4 (i).

3. *Encourages* Member States, on a voluntary basis, to contribute to the Trust Fund for Renewable Energy for Productive Activities to ensure continued scale up of UNIDO's activities in energy;

4. *Requests* the Director General to report to the forty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board on further developments regarding the implementation of the present resolution.

*[Draft resolution submitted by the European Union and its Member States and co-sponsored by Belarus, Japan, Kenya and Peru]*

#### **Item 20: Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries**

*The General Conference:*

*Recognizing* that as of April 2019, 97 of UNIDO's 170 Member States were middle-income countries,

*Taking note* with appreciation of the High-Level Conference of the Middle-Income Countries convened in San José, Costa Rica, on 12 to 14 June 2013 and the resulting San José Declaration, contained in decision IDB.41/Dec.4,

*Also taking note* the Lima Declaration: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (GC.15/Res.1) and its call for due consideration that should also continue to be given to countries with different stages of development, including, inter alia, middle- income countries,

*Welcoming* the outcomes of the General Assembly High-Level Meeting on the Middle-Income Countries in New York on 4 December 2018, and *recalling* the Ministerial Declaration of the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries, held in New York on 26 September 2019,

*Acknowledging* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes, inter alia, that all countries, including middle-income countries, still face significant challenges in achieving sustainable development,

*Noting* that inclusive and sustainable industrial development can effectively contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, integrating, in a balanced manner, the three dimensions of sustainable development,

*Recalling* United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/230, which requested the United Nations development system to ensure that it addresses the diverse development needs of middle-income countries in a coordinated manner through, inter alia, an accurate assessment of the national priorities and needs of these countries, taking into account the use of variables that go beyond per capita income criteria,

*Also recalling* that the most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States deserve special attention, as do countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries, and that there are also serious challenges within many middle-income countries,

*Recalling* General Conference resolution GC.17/Res.6 on sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries, in which the Director General was requested to identify and discuss with Member States a strategic framework for collaboration of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, with middle-income countries,

*Also recalling* the Industrial Development Board's decision IDB.47/Dec.7, which took note with appreciation of the draft UNIDO Strategic Framework for Partnering with Middle-Income Countries, and recommended its adoption to the General Conference at its eighteenth session,

1. *Adopts* the UNIDO Strategic Framework for Partnering with Middle-Income Countries, as contained in IDB.47/Dec.7;
2. *Requests* the Director General to prepare a work plan for its implementation, to be presented at the forty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board;
3. *Underlines* the importance of UNIDO's efforts aimed at facilitating sustainable industrial development in Middle-Income Countries as a part of a more comprehensive United Nations system-wide approach and requests the Director General to report on related UNIDO activities to the General Conference.

*[Draft resolution submitted by Belarus, and co-sponsored by Armenia, Kenya, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru and Thailand]*

#### **Item 21: Nominations to the Staff Pension Committee**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Takes note of decisions IDB.47/Dec.9;
- (b) Decides to elect the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2020–2021:

Members: Ms. Jane Bosibori Makori (Kenya)  
Ms. Silvia Berladski Baruch (Israel)

Alternates: Ms. Andrea Eva Nemes (Hungary)  
..... (country);

(c) Authorizes 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 nineteenth session.

*[Based on Board decision IDB.47/Dec.9]*

**Item 23: Date and place of the nineteenth session of the General Conference**

The General Conference decides that its nineteenth session shall be held from 29 November to 3 December 2021, in Vienna, Austria.

## Annex II

### Proposed tentative schedule of work of the eighteenth session of the General Conference, 3 to 7 November 2019

Overarching theme: Industry 2030 – Innovate. Connect. Transform our Future.

<i>Sunday, 3 November</i>	<i>Monday, 4 November</i>	<i>Tuesday, 5 November</i>	<i>Wednesday, 6 November</i>	<i>Thursday, 7 November</i>
	<b>Regional Perspectives side event</b> <b><u>8–9.15 a.m.</u></b>	<b>Sustainable Energy side event</b> <b><u>8.30–10 a.m.</u></b>	<b>Youth and Entrepreneurship side event</b> <b><u>8.30–10 a.m.</u></b>	
<b>1st plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</u>	<b>3rd plenary meeting</b> <u>9.30–11.30 a.m.</u>	Credentials Committee (tentative) <u>9.30–10.15 a.m.</u>	<b>7th plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.–12 noon</u>	<b>9th plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m. – 1 p.m.</u>
Opening of the session	General debate		General debate	Consideration and adoption of decisions and resolutions
Statements by Heads of State and Government	<b>Gender side event</b> <u>11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.</u>	<b>5th plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</u>	Credentials of representatives to the Conference	
General Debate		General debate		
	<b>Main Committee – 1st meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</u>	<b>Main Committee – 3rd meeting</b> <u>10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.</u>	<b>Main Committee – 5th meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</u>	
<b>General Committee</b> <u>2.30–3 p.m.</u>	<b>Circular Economy side event</b> <b><u>1.30–3 p.m.</u></b>	<b>Industry 4.0 side event</b> <b><u>1.30–3 p.m.</u></b>	<b>Industrial Parks side event</b> <b><u>1.30–3 p.m.</u></b>	
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<b>2nd plenary meeting</b> <u>3–6 p.m.</u>	<b>4th plenary meeting</b> <u>3.30–6 p.m.</u>	<b>6th plenary meeting</b> <u>3.30–4.30 p.m.</u>	<b>8th plenary meeting</b> <u>3.30–6 p.m.</u>	
<b>UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development</b>	General debate	<b>Launch of the Industrial Development Report</b>	General debate	
		General debate <u>4.30–6 p.m.</u>		
	<b>Main Committee – 2nd meeting</b> <u>2–4 p.m.</u>	<b>Main Committee – 4th meeting</b> <u>3–6 p.m.</u>	<b>Main Committee – 6th meeting</b> <u>3.30–6 p.m.</u> (if required)	
Reception [ <i>hosted by Director General and the UAE</i> ] <u>6.30–8 p.m.</u>	[ <i>host country event (upon registration)</i> ] <u>6.30–9 p.m.</u>			