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### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### Item 1. Opening of the session

In accordance with rule 23.2 of the rules of procedure (UNIDO/3/Rev.1), the session will be opened by the President of the twenty-second session Mr. A. Ortiz (Spain).

#### Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the twenty-third session, based on the provisional agenda adopted by the Board at its twenty-second session (IDB.22/Dec.9), is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.23/1.

#### Item 3. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee "report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative". The report of the Committee on the work of its sixteenth session will be reflected in document IDB.23/2. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session (listed from (a) to (g) below), are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations to the sub-items are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the sixteenth session of the Committee (PBC.16/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of draft decisions on sub-items (a), (d), (f) and (g).

#### 3(a) Report of the External Auditor, financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 1998-1999

- Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2000/2
- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and of the Industrial Development Fund for the financial period 1998-1999 ended 31 December 1999 (IDB.23/3-PBC.16/4 and Corr.1)
- Comments of the Director-General on the report of the External Auditor (IDB.23/7-PBC.16/8 and Corr.1)
- Financial performance report for the biennium 1998-1999. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.23/6-PBC.16/7)
- Programme performance report for 1999 (included in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 1999*) (IDB.22/2-PBC.16/2, Corr.1 and Add.1)

#### 3(b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including arrears

The financial situation of UNIDO, including arrears (IDB.22/8), will be updated in the following conference room paper:

- Financial situation of UNIDO, including arrears. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.23/CRP.1)

For reasons of economy, this document has been printed in a limited number. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.

**3(c) Unutilized balances of appropriations, 1992-1993 and 1996-1997**

- Utilization of funds resulting from resolution GC.8/Res.4 (IDB.23/5-PBC.16/6, chap. III)

**3(d) Financial regulations**

- Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2000/3
- Intersessional working group on proposed amendments to the financial regulations. Report of the Chairperson, H.E. Mrs. I. Freudenschuss-Reichl, Austria (IDB.23/8-PBC.16/10)

**3(e) Transition to a single-currency system**

At its sixteenth session, the Programme and Budget Committee adopted conclusion 2000/4, which *inter alia* requested the Director-General to continue consultations with Member States on the definition of major objects of expenditure and to present the issue to the forthcoming session of the Board.

- Transition to a single-currency system. Conversion of the 2000-2001 programme and budgets into euros for comparison purposes. Report by the Director-General (PBC.16/3)
- Changes in the definition of major objects of expenditure. Note by the Director-General (PBC.16/9)
- Consultations with Member States on the definition of major objects of expenditure. Note by the Director-General (IDB.23/15)

**3(f) Medium-term programme framework, 2002-2005**

- Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2000/5
- Medium-term programme framework, 2002-2005. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.23/4-PBC.16/5)

**3(g) Mobilization of financial resources**

- Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2000/6
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director-General (IDB.23/5-PBC.16/6)

**Item 4. Integrated programmes**

The status of integrated programmes, including their financing, will be a regular feature of sessions of the policy-making organs. Specific, up-to-date information on the programmes for individual countries will be made available during the session.

At its sixteenth session, the Programme and Budget Committee invited the Director-General to conduct consultations with Member States before scaling down the integrated programmes and to submit the results for further discussion to the Board. The results of those consultations will be covered in the documentation to be issued by the Director-General.

**Item 5. Field representation**

The current status of UNIDO field offices will be brought to the attention of the Board under this item. Documentation will be supplemented as required pending the outcome of consultations with Member States to be conducted in accordance with Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2000/5.

The Board will have before it:

- Field representation. Report by the Director-General (IDB.23/10)

**Item 6. Global forum activities**

The "side events" prior to the session, organized within the global forum function of UNIDO, cover topics of importance for the definition of UNIDO's future contribution in tackling issues of global concern. The Board may wish to consider under this item any appropriate recommendations emanating from the panels.

A progress report will provide advance information on the new strategy being developed for activities under the UNIDO global forum function, including research. The document will be supplemented either by a presentation or by additional information to be provided by the Office of Strategic Research and Economy established earlier this year.

The Board will have before it:

- Global forum activities. Report by the Director-General (IDB.23/9)

**Item 7. UNIDO Global Environment Facility activities**

The inclusion of this supplementary item, as proposed by the Director-General in accordance with rules 11 and 12, addresses the importance of the Global Environment Facility for UNIDO technical cooperation. Following the adoption of GC.8/Res.2, UNIDO has taken a dynamic approach to this new possible source of funding and this has led to an active involvement in several new and recent initiatives in the GEF focal areas of international waters as well as climate change. Most importantly, the Director-General would like to bring to the attention of the Board the decision of the GEF Council in May 2000 to expand opportunities for executing agencies of GEF beyond the regional development banks and include UNIDO and FAO in that category. This decision greatly facilitates increased cooperation between UNIDO and GEF, particularly in the emerging area of persistent organic pollutants.

In view of the accelerating pace of these developments, UNIDO attaches great importance to receiving the guidance of Member States for the further elaboration of these promising programmes and for the preparation of UNIDO participation in forthcoming international forums.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO Global Environment Facility activities. Report by the Director-General (IDB.23/11)

**Item 8. Operational activities for development**

Resolution 53/192 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-third session further developed a range of elements contained in earlier resolutions on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development within the United Nations. In paragraph 58 of that resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the governing bodies of the specialized agencies should take appropriate action for the full implementation of that resolution and requested the respective executive heads to submit a yearly progress report to their governing bodies on measures taken and envisaged for its implementation, as well as appropriate recommendations. In compliance with that request, the Board will have before it:

- Operational activities for development. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.23/14)

**Item 9. Proposed international centre for sustainable industrial development**

At its twenty-second session, the Board adopted decision IDB.22/Dec.5, in which, *inter alia*, it took note with appreciation of the initiative of Slovenia to host an international centre for sustainable industrial development (document IDB.22/10 and Add.1). It also requested the Director-General to conduct consultations with the parties concerned on possible future cooperation between UNIDO and the centre, and to report to the Board at its twenty-third session. Thus, the Board will have before it:

- Proposed international centre for sustainable industrial development. Report by the Director-General (IDB.23/13)

**Item 10. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit**

In decision IDB.22/Dec.7, the Board encouraged the Secretariat to continue its dialogue with the Joint Inspection Unit with a view to developing a system of follow-up to Joint Inspection Unit recommendations in full consultation with all Member States and in due time. In compliance with the reporting mandate contained in the same decision, the Board will have before it:

- Follow-up to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Secretariat (IDB.23/12)

**Item 11. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations**

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental and governmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-

governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to accord consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it any information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.

**Item 12. Preparations for the ninth session of the General Conference**

At its eighth session, in decision GC.8/Dec.20, the General Conference decided that its ninth session should be held in Vienna from 3 to 7 December 2001. In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. The Board may wish to consider at its current session a tentative provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Conference so as to enable Member States as well as the Secretariat to start work in this respect.

The Board will have before it:

- Preparation of the provisional agenda for the ninth session of the General Conference. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.23/CRP.3)

**Item 13. Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-fourth session**

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in a conference room paper.

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-fourth session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.23/CRP.2)
- Term of office of the current Director-General and procedures for nominations and appointment to the post of Director-General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.23/CRP.4)

**Item 14. Adoption of the report**

In accordance with rule 71, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.

**Item 15. Closure of the session**