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GENERAL CONFERENCE

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AGENDA OF THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION

1. Opening of the session.
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3. Adoption of the agenda.
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10. Financial matters:
    (a) Scale of assessments of Member States;
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    (c) Working Capital Fund;
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    (e) Appointment of an External Auditor.
12. Medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007, including:
    (a) Field representation;
    (b) Application of the strategic guidelines “Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery”;
    (c) Integrated programmes and country service frameworks;
    (d) Service modules;
    (e) Corporate strategy of the Organization.
14. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit—JIU review of management and administration in UNIDO.
15. International Centre for Science and High Technology.
16. UNIDO Staff Pension Committee.
17. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
19. Date and place of the eleventh session.
20. Closure of the session.
DECISIONS

GC.10/Dec.1  INCLUSION OF MEMBER STATES IN THE LISTS OF STATES OF ANNEX I TO THE CONSTITUTION

The General Conference decided to include Timor-Leste in List A of Annex I to the Constitution.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.2  ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation Mr. C. Moreno (Italy) President of the Conference at its tenth session.

2nd plenary meeting
1 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.3  ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its tenth session: Mr. T. Stelzer (Austria), Mr. R. Nsanze T. (Burundi), Mr. R. González Aninat (Chile), Mr. Zhang Yan (China), Mr. C. A. Zarruk Gómez (Colombia), Mr. I. Horváth (Hungary), Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan (India), Mr. Y. V. Fedotov (Russian Federation) and Mr. L. Savané (Senegal).

2nd plenary meeting
1 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.4  ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to suspend rule 42 of its rules of procedure for the first day of the Conference only, paragraph 1 (a) of which covers functions of the General Committee with regard to the adoption of the agenda;

(b) Adopted the agenda of its tenth session as contained in document GC.10/1.

2nd plenary meeting
1 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.5  ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 7 to 17 and 19 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 Mrs. E. Kelly (Argentina), on which each Member participating in the Conference might be represented;

(c) Further decided to allocate agenda items 7 to 17 and 19 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 Chair of the Main Committee, in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11, to submit a written report to the Conference on the work of the Committee on 5 December 2003.

2nd plenary meeting
1 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.6  APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: Bolivia, Cape Verde, China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Germany, New Zealand, Russian Federation and Sri Lanka.

4th plenary meeting
2 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.7  CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TENTH 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.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003
GC.10/Dec.8 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 9.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-six members to the Industrial Development Board to hold office until the close of the twelfth session of the Conference in 2007:

(a) Fifteen members from States in Lists A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Senegal, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Zimbabwe;

(b) Eight members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

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


* Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the eleventh regular session of the General Conference, in 2005 (see decision GC.9/Dec.8 of 7 December 2001).

** Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the close of the twelfth regular session of the General Conference, in 2007.

GC.10/Dec.9 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 10.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members of the Programme and Budget Committee to hold office until the close of the twelfth regular session of the Conference in 2007:

(a) Fifteen members from States in Lists A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Cameroon, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sudan and Venezuela;

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

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

GC.10/Dec.10 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the information in documents IDB.27/7 and Add.1 and GC.10/16;

(b) Decided to establish a scale of assessments for the regular budget expenditures of UNIDO for the fiscal period 2004-2005, based on United Nations General Assembly resolutions 55/5 B-F and 57/4 B, 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, as contained in the annex to document GC.10/16.

GC.10/Dec.11 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.10/12;

(b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that had not yet paid their assessed contributions, including advances to the Working
Capital Fund and prior years’ arrears, to do so without delay;

(c) Requested the Director-General to pursue his efforts and contacts with Member States to effect the collection of arrears;

(d) Having taken note of the recommendation of the Industrial Development Board in decision IDB.26/Dec.3, allowed the Secretariat to use for integrated programmes or country service frameworks each country’s share and amount of the unencumbered balances of appropriations, income from new Member States and interest income in excess of budgetary estimates, as specified in decision GC.9/Dec.10, if no response had been received by 31 December 2003 from the concerned States on the use of those funds amounting to €840,818, as contained in annex II to document IDB.26/9 (funds available as of 31 October 2003: €436,457).

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5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.12 RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS—AZERBAIJAN

The General Conference:

(a) Recalled the report of the open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions (IDB.19/12 and Corr.1), in particular paragraphs 13 and 14;

(b) Also recalled Board decision IDB.19/Dec.5 and General Conference decision GC.9/Dec.12;

(c) Welcomed the commitment of Azerbaijan to settle its arrears;

(d) Took note of Board decision IDB.26/Dec.4;

(e) Took note of the approval by the Board of a payment plan agreement as outlined in documents IDB.26/16 and Add.1 (IDB.26/Dec.4 (f)) and encouraged Azerbaijan to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions therein;

(f) Gave satisfaction to the request by Azerbaijan for the restoration of its voting rights in accordance with Article 5.2 of the UNIDO Constitution.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.13 RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS—BELARUS

The General Conference:

(a) Recalled the report of the open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions (IDB.19/12 and Corr.1), in particular paragraphs 13 and 14;

(b) Also recalled Board decision IDB.19/Dec.5 and General Conference decision GC.9/Dec.12;

(c) Welcomed the commitment of Belarus to settle its arrears, as reported in document GC.10/15;

(d) Gave satisfaction to the request by Belarus for the restoration of its voting rights in accordance with Article 5.2 of the UNIDO Constitution;

(e) Took note of the signature of a payment plan agreement and encouraged Belarus to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions therein.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.14 RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS—LITHUANIA

The General Conference:

(a) Recalled the report of the open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions (IDB.19/12 and Corr.1), in particular paragraphs 13 and 14;

(b) Also recalled Board decision IDB.19/Dec.5 and General Conference decision GC.9/Dec.12;

(c) Welcomed the commitment of Lithuania to settle its arrears, as reported in document GC.10/11;

(d) Gave satisfaction to the request by Lithuania for the restoration of its voting rights in accordance with Article 5.2 of the UNIDO Constitution;

(e) Took note of the signature of a payment plan agreement and encouraged Lithuania to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions therein.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003
GC.10/Dec.15 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.27/Dec.4;

(b) Decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2004-2005 should remain at the level €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2004-2005 should remain the same as for the biennium 2002-2003, 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 to meet shortfalls in the payment of assessed contributions.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.16 APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The General Conference decided to extend the appointment of the Auditor General of South Africa as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2006, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

9th plenary meeting
5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.17 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2004-2005

The General Conference:

(a) Approved the programme and budgets for 2004-2005 as contained in document IDB.27/3 and adjusted in the current decision;

(b) Also approved estimates of gross expenditures of €145,013,300 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €142,000,000 and other income of €3,013,300;

(c) Further approved estimates of gross expenditures totalling €21,826,870 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to be financed from voluntary contributions in the amount of €21,512,370 and other income amounting to €314,500 as might be provided for in the financial regulations.

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5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.18 INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION OFFICES

The General Conference:

(a) Recalled its resolution GC.3/Res.19 and decision GC.6/Dec.12;

(b) Took note of the report by the Director-General on Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (IDB.25/4);

(c) Also took note of Industrial Development Board decision IDB.25/Dec.7;

(d) Decided to amend the Guidelines for the Functioning of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices in accordance with the annex to the present decision.

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5 December 2003

Annex

Guidelines for the Functioning of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices

Objective

The objective of the UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPOs) is to contribute to the industrial development and economic growth of developing countries and countries with economies in transition by identifying and mobilizing the technical, financial, managerial and other resources required for the implementation of specific industrial investment and technology projects in these countries with local partners of such projects.

Mandate

(a) In industrialized countries: These offices shall devote themselves exclusively to promoting industrial investment and technology from their host countries to developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(b) In developing countries and countries with economies in transition: While having as their main objective the promotion of industrial investment and technology from their host countries to other developing countries and countries with economies in transition, these offices may also promote industrial investment and technology from abroad to their host countries.

Activities

(a) To build contacts with enterprises in the host countries willing to consider a business venture with a
partner in a developing country or country with economy in transition or to provide inputs for such a venture;

(b) To assess investment and technology projects, the details of which have been supplied by UNIDO Headquarters or other sources, with a view to determining whether an enterprise can be found in the host countries that will be able and willing to supply the foreign resources sought for such projects;

c) To utilize their contacts with host country enterprises for the promotion of the foreign resources sought by local partners; to provide information on individual local partners and on the climate for investment and technology transfer in the developing countries or countries with economies in transition concerned;

d) To bring the local partner and the prospective foreign partner into direct contact through UNIDO investment and technology project promotion programmes, meetings, forums and through any other appropriate means with a view to their commencing negotiations on cooperating in the implementation of the project;

e) To support and assist both parties in their negotiations and in completing the pre-investment activities, up to the stage at which the parties can conclude a written agreement to implement the project;

(f) To assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in arousing the interest of potential foreign partners in industrial business opportunities and in the incentives offered by those countries, by receiving delegations representing both the public and private sector and arranging direct contacts between the members of those delegations and the industrial and financial communities of the host countries;

(g) To assist the developing countries and countries with economies in transition in building and strengthening national capabilities for attracting foreign investment and technology by hosting delegations from developing countries and countries with economies in transition and providing them with on-the-job orientation through the promotion vis-à-vis potential foreign partners of specific business opportunities in their home countries;

(h) To gather, present and disseminate information on specific manufacturing facilities that enterprises in their host countries seek to establish in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition through a business partnership with a local entrepreneur; to assist in identifying local partners and help both parties to conclude an agreement;

(i) To undertake such other activities as are conducive to the achievement of the objectives of ITPOs.

**Funding arrangements**

ITPOs shall be financed by their host countries, which shall make voluntary contributions to UNIDO adequate to meet the costs to the Organization. The funding for all expenditures, including the charge for programme support services (overhead charge), shall be provided in convertible currencies, except that in countries with non-convertible currencies, funding for expenditures of ITPOs in local currency may be provided in such local currency, while the funding for all other expenditures, including the charge for programme support services (overhead charge), shall be provided in convertible currency.

When requested by an interested country, UNIDO shall endeavour to arrange extrabudgetary financing for the installation and operating expenses of ITPOs established in developing countries or countries with economies in transition.

ITPOs may also raise additional resources by charging fees for services rendered on a cost-reimbursement basis.

**Personnel arrangements**

The Heads of the ITPOs will be appointed by the Director-General of UNIDO in accordance with the regulations, rules and procedures of UNIDO and after consultation with the host Governments. UNIDO will operate and supervise the ITPOs. The Heads will either be appointed under the 200 series of the UNIDO staff rules and have the status of international project personnel or will be appointed as a locally-recruited National Professional Officer, to whom the local salary scales apply as established for each duty station by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for this particular category of Professional staff. For other staff, salaries will be determined on the basis of discussions between the host countries and the UNIDO Secretariat.

**Legal arrangements**

ITPOs shall be established and maintained pursuant to agreements concluded between each host Government and the Director-General of UNIDO.

**GC.10/Dec.19 INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY**

The General Conference:
(a) Took note of the information provided in documents GC.10/7 and Add.1 on the International Centre for Science and High Technology;

(b) Approved the broad outline of the draft statute of the Centre as contained in annex III to document GC.10/7/Add.1, delegating its final approval to the Industrial Development Board;

(c) Decided to approve articles IV (Finance), X (Programme and budget) and XIV (Dissolution), subject to the final approval of the statute;

(d) Referred articles I to III, V to IX, XI to XIII and XV to the Industrial Development Board with a view to their finalization and adoption.

9th plenary meeting 5 December 2003

GC.10/Dec.20 UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of decision IDB.27/Dec.10;

(b) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2004-2005:

Members: Mr. Cédric Janssens de Bisthoven (Belgium)  
Mr. Mlulami M. L. Singaphi (South Africa)

Alternate Mrs. Vesna Vukovič (Croatia)
Members: Mr. Tanmaya Lal (India)

(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 eleventh session.

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GC.10/Dec.21 OBSERVER STATUS WITH UNIDO—SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA

The General Conference, pursuant to Articles 4.1 and 4.3 of the Constitution and rule 30.4 of its rules of procedure, confirmed the observer status with UNIDO of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) and the right of SMOM to participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference on matters of particular concern to it.

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RESOLUTIONS

GC.10/Res.1 MEMBERSHIP OF UNIDO

The General Conference,

Noting with satisfaction the high level of participation at the tenth session of the General Conference, and in particular of the Presidents of Madagascar, Timor-Leste and Uganda, of the Vice-Presidents of Guatemala, Panama and Sierra Leone, of the Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania as well as of a significant number of Ministers and Vice-Ministers, whose presence demonstrates an increased attention and appreciation by the international community for UNIDO,

Also noting the financial stability achieved by the Director-General and the success of a wide range of technical cooperation activities,

Further noting the increased demand by Member States for technical cooperation support by UNIDO,

Recalling decision IDB.26/Dec.10 of the Industrial Development Board,

1. Commends the Director-General for establishing an ad hoc informal consultative group to pursue the aims of, inter alia, enhancing voluntary contributions and broadening UNIDO’s membership;

2. Appeals to non-Member States, especially former Member States, to examine the possibility of acceding to the Constitution of UNIDO, thereby underlining the universal character of the Organization and endowing it with new sources of financing in order to facilitate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

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GC.10/Res.2 MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK, 2004-2007

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.7/Res.1 endorsing the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO, which remains the basis of UNIDO’s organizational and programmatic transformation and which grouped the Organization activities into two areas of concentration:

(a) The strengthening of industrial capacities,

(b) Cleaner and sustainable industrial development,

Recalling also General Conference resolution GC.9/Res.2 concerning the medium-term programme framework, 2002-2005,

Taking into account the additional guidance given to the Organization by its Member States through the Strategic Guidelines “Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery”, adopted by the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-sixth session in decision IDB.26/Dec.7,

Taking note with appreciation of the information provided in document GC.10/14 concerning the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007,

Taking into account the broader development objectives established by the international community, in particular through the Millennium Development Goals derived from the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations Millennium Summit in September 2000, but also through such initiatives as the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, the Special Session of the General Assembly on Social Development held in June 2000, the International Conference on Financing for Development in March 2002 and the World Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2002,

Also taking into account the global, regional and national objectives and priorities articulated in the final report of the Commission on Human Security issued in May 2003, the New Partnership for Africa’s Development and the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks prepared for various countries,

Noting the importance of linking UNIDO’s programme of activities to national poverty reduction strategies wherever possible,

Giving due consideration to the provisions of the multilateral environmental agreements that impinge on the industrial sector, such as the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,

Noting the implications of global economic, industrial and technological trends and, in particular, of the ongoing process of globalization and of the rapid development of industrial technologies, for the support
services provided by UNIDO in developing countries and countries with economies in transition,

Recognizing the extensive experience and expertise of UNIDO in promoting industrial development in these countries, and especially the successes achieved in the delivery of its technical cooperation services during the past six years through such mechanisms as integrated programmes and country service frameworks, individual projects and thematic initiatives,

1. Confirms that the Business Plan continues to provide the basis for the programmatic activities of UNIDO;

2. Takes note with interest of the corporate strategy introduced by the Director-General to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-seventh session, which aimed principally at promoting productivity growth as a means of supporting the achievement of sustainable industrial development and the measures being taken to operationalize the strategy;

3. Invites the Director-General to develop a strategic long-term vision statement (10 to 15 years), possibly in time for its adoption by the next General Conference, including UNIDO’s strategic contribution to the Millennium Development Goals;

4. Supports UNIDO’s attempts to achieve a greater synergy between its global forum and technical cooperation activities based on the corporate strategy and the Strategic Guidelines “Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery” and to formulate an appropriate research agenda on the basis of the principles outlined in documents GC.10/14 and GC.10/CRP.4 in order to provide an analytical and conceptual framework for these activities;

5. Approves the Organization’s proposal to focus its services on a selected number of priority areas as outlined in document GC.10/14, thus enhancing the impact of UNIDO’s services in the field;

6. Requests the Director-General to take into account, when implementing the technical assistance and research programme during the period 2004-2007, the Strategic Guidelines “Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery” and document GC.10/14;

7. Encourages the Director-General to carry forward the process of decentralization to the field and further strengthen and rationalize the field operations of the Organization;

8. Requests also the Director-General to report to the Industrial Development Board regularly and to

the Conference at its eleventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Annex I

Resolution No. 1

Closure of operations of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and support for Africa’s industrialization effort within the framework of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development

The African Ministers of Industry:

Recalling resolution 57/297 of the United Nations General Assembly (December 2002), which decided to bring to a close the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1980-1999),

The Conference of African Ministers of Industry,

Taking note of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, which sought to enhance industrialization in Africa, aimed at promoting the productive capacity and industrial base, and strove to achieve economic growth, employment creation, balanced regional development and sustainable economic growth, and

Also taking note of United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/297 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Further taking note of the two resolutions adopted in this connection by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, as contained in annexes I and II to the present resolution,

Invites the Director-General, taking into account the proposals for the use of Special Resources for Africa outlined in document IDB.27/3, to utilize funds previously earmarked for the Industrial Development Decade for Africa and subsequently for UNIDO activities in the framework of NEPAD to help launch the African Productive Capacity Facility, which will finance the implementation of the African Productive Capacity Initiative.
Decade for Africa and invited the international community, particularly the United Nations system, to support industrialization efforts in Africa within the framework of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD),

*Taking into consideration* the decision taken at the fifteenth Conference of African Ministers of Industry (2001) to support regional integration in seeking industrial performance through sectoral approaches based on comparative advantages to favour diversification, technology diffusion and industrial upgrading, with a view to improving the access of Africa’s manufactured products to regional, continental and global markets, utilizing, as a matter of priority, African natural resources,

*Request* the Director-General of UNIDO to henceforth organize UNIDO’s operations in support of African industrialization under the framework of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development in line with resolution 57/297 of the United Nations General Assembly.

*Annex II*

**Resolution No. 2**

**Support to the African Productive Capacity Initiative**

*The African Ministers of Industry:*

*Taking note that:*

1. The building of economic governance at the subregional level is an essential component of the NEPAD process in support of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals;

2. The continent-wide resolve to undertake collaborative initiatives designed to strengthen industrial production resulted in the adoption of the “African Productive Capacity Initiative” (APCI) at the subregional level;

3. The main objective of APCI is to provide further impetus to structural change in Africa, to encourage economic growth and sustainable development and to promote intra-trade and regional production processes as well as to remove constraints and reduce transaction costs;

4. The APCI is an instrument to reduce Africa’s economic marginalization, create jobs and alleviate poverty;

5. The regional and sectoral approaches have been developed in line with the objectives of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development;

6. The identified comparative advantages should lead to greater synergy at the policy level, which would promote harmonized industrial governance at both subregional and continental levels;

7. The APCI establishes partnership and collaborative efforts with NEPAD as well as the organized private sector;

8. The overall goals of APCI are contained in the main report of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI);

*Recalling* the importance given to strengthening the competitiveness of and mastering international norms and standards for African products, as well as to harmonizing industrial strategies and policies,

*Also recalling* the challenge raised by the fragmentation of the production chain at the global level,

*Further recalling* the low level of Africa’s share in global markets and the challenges raised by the full liberalization of trade in the medium term, particularly the entry into force of free trade arrangements or economic partnership agreements,

*Appreciating* that the African Productive Capacity Initiative and the Facility linked to this Initiative will allow Africa to address successfully the challenge of market access,

*Decide:*

1. To adopt the African Productive Capacity Initiative (APCI);

2. To establish an African Productive Capacity Facility (APCF), to finance the implementation of APCI;

3. To call on all African Governments, the private sector, civil society as well as development partners to commit to APCF financially and technically;

4. To develop sustainable mechanisms for funds mobilization for APCF and, in particular, to call on:

   • The Secretariat of UNIDO, in consultation with the CAMI Bureau, to
work out further the mechanism for the Facility;

- African Member States to contribute to the APCF through the foreseen Trust Fund mechanism;

- UNIDO to provide seed money at the amount of at least €5 million, to launch the Facility and to take leadership in mobilizing resources, especially from the donor community;

Request the Director-General of UNIDO to take into account, as a priority, the implementation of the African Productive Capacity Initiative in the execution of UNIDO’s activities in the framework of NEPAD, a programme of the African Union.

**GC.10/Res. 4 SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**

The General Conference,

Realizing the importance of technical and economic cooperation among developing countries in achieving sustainable development in collective self-reliance,

Reaffirming that South-South cooperation is not a substitute for but a complement to North-South cooperation,

Taking note that the process of globalization has not diminished the existing inequalities among the various countries and between the North and the South,

Emphasizing the importance of creating domestic capacity in developing countries to enhance cooperation between Government, private and academic sectors,

Recalling the call for solidarity, cooperation and development goals with targets established by the Millennium Summit and the Millennium Declaration,

Bearing in mind the Business Plan, the medium-term programme framework and the Strategic Guidelines of UNIDO concerning South-South cooperation and the thematic initiatives of UNIDO on trade facilitation, rural energy for productive use and post-crisis industrial rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Recognizing the need to mobilize additional resources for enhancing South-South cooperation, as referred to in resolution 57/263 of the United Nations General Assembly,

1. Urges UNIDO to actively participate at the upcoming High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation to be held at Marrakech, Morocco, from 16 to 19 December 2003, which will discuss the initiatives of South-South cooperation on trade, investment, food and agriculture;

2. Recommends to make Industrial Development, Trade and Poverty Alleviation through South-South Cooperation a theme of the Industrial Development Forum during the eleventh session of the General Conference of UNIDO;

3. Requests the Secretariat of UNIDO:

   (a) To identify the modalities to better promote South-South cooperation including funds mobilization for it;

   (b) To further strengthen the Organization’s cooperation with other agencies such as the South Centre in Geneva, the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme, the UNCTAD/WTO International Trade Centre, the International Atomic Energy Agency and donor countries, to further promote South-South cooperation-related projects and activities;

   (c) To submit a progress report on the developments and steps taken in this regard to the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Industrial Development Board.

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**GC.10/Res.5 ROLE OF UNIDO IN ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The General Conference,

Recalling the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals by the United Nations Millennium Summit,

Also recalling the affirmation of the Millennium Development Goals by subsequent international gatherings, including the Monterrey Consensus that emerged from the International Conference on Financing for Development,

Recognizing the significance of the Millennium Development Goals to developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition,

Acknowledging the important contribution of UNIDO to the achievement of the Millennium
Development Goals through effective implementation of its Business Plan, the medium-term programme framework and the Strategic Guidelines “Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery”,

Recognizing the role of the entire UNIDO membership in supporting programmes to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and of the role of the Secretariat in the implementation of those programmes,

Noting that official development assistance increased by 5 per cent in 2002 and further urging donor countries that are not already doing so to fulfil their targets to increase official development assistance,

Recalling the statements made by the Director-General to increase technical cooperation programmes to developing countries, particularly in Africa, least developed countries, small island developing States and landlocked developing countries, both in scope and capacity,

Concerned that the rate of foreign direct investment in Africa is less than one per cent of the world total,

1. Encourages UNIDO to bolster relations with other international organizations and United Nations agencies and to coordinate efforts so as to avoid duplication of activities and to make efficient use of resources;

2. Requests the Director-General to enhance technical cooperation activities in industrial capacity-building, particularly for rural energy for productive use and renewable energy;

3. Also requests the Director-General to maximize wherever possible the use of national experts and other capacities from developing countries and from countries with economies in transition in all UNIDO activities;

4. Further requests the Director-General to ensure to the maximum extent possible that UNIDO activities in support of achieving the Millennium Development Goals are undertaken where appropriate in cooperation with regional and subregional organizations and particularly in Africa, through the African Union and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development;

5. Encourages UNIDO to do more for developing countries, in particular in Africa, in areas of investment and trade promotions in a more sustainable way;

6. Requests the Director-General to keep Member States informed in his annual reports to the Industrial Development Board on the implementation of the present resolution.

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GC.10/Res.6 UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRIES EMERGING FROM CRISIS SITUATIONS

The General Conference,

Taking into account the Millennium Development Goals and the important development-related decisions taken by international conferences such as the International Conference on Financing for Development held in March 2002, at Monterrey, Mexico, and the World Summit for Sustainable Development, held at Johannesburg, South Africa, in August/September 2002,

Stressing the need for international institutions both within and outside the United Nations system, including UNIDO, to enhance within their mandates their cooperative efforts to promote effective and collective support to the implementation of Agenda 21 to achieve sustainable development,

Fully aware of the critical situation and vulnerability of people in all countries emerging from crisis situations, including in countries emerging from conflict, and the need for timely support in priority areas to reduce this vulnerability,

Noting the ongoing development of UNIDO’s thematic initiative on post-crisis industrial rehabilitation and reconstruction and the round table that took place on this issue during the tenth session of the General Conference of UNIDO in December 2003,

Also noting the Secretariat’s proposal in the issue paper for the above round table that UNIDO’s post-crisis initiative should be based on three basic principles: sound diagnosis, tailor-made responses, and close donor coordination and inter-agency collaboration,

Taking into account the financial resources that might be made available for assistance in post-crisis situations including, in particular, the pledges made at the international conferences held at Tokyo and Madrid in January 2002 and October 2003,

1. Encourages the Director-General to consider, on a case-by-case basis and in full consultation with the affected countries, whether and at what point industrial rehabilitation and reconstruction is a priority for a country emerging from a crisis situation;
2. Requests the Director-General to take into account the need for an integrated approach that strikes the appropriate balance between humanitarian relief efforts and the restoration of productive capacities when planning post-crisis interventions;

3. Further requests the Director-General to ensure that UNIDO assistance to countries emerging from crisis situations is focused on activities that are clearly within UNIDO’s mandate, as defined by the Business Plan and other key planning documents and is in line with nationally-owned poverty reduction strategies, where relevant;

4. Calls on the Director-General, in particular in the case of support to post-conflict countries, to give due consideration, in close collaboration with the appropriate United Nations bodies, to the security situation in the affected countries in order to prevent any harm to UNIDO staff;

5. Asks the Director-General to consider whether and in what way UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis in all regions, including those discussed during the round table on this subject during the tenth session of the General Conference should contribute to post-crisis industrial rehabilitation;

6. Encourages the Director-General to take the necessary steps to ensure, in collaboration with other United Nations agencies, the continuation of UNIDO involvement in designing and, when the necessary conditions are secured, in implementing sustainable industrial development projects in countries emerging from crisis situations, in full consultation with the appropriate authorities;

7. Encourages Member States of UNIDO, as well as donor countries and others who have pledged to financially contribute to the reconstruction of these countries, particularly during the conferences held at Tokyo and Madrid in January 2002 and October 2003 respectively, to assist in the implementation of UNIDO projects;

8. Requests the Director-General to submit a short progress report on the developments and steps taken in this regard to the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Industrial Development Board.

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GC.10/Res.7 GLOBAL BIOTECHNOLOGY FORUM

The General Conference,

Taking into account resolution 57/237 of the United Nations General Assembly of 20 December 2002, concerning the Global Biotechnology Forum,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/182 on science and technology for development, and taking into account in this regard the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the “Impact of new technologies, with particular attention to sustainable development, including food security, health and economic productivity”, of 9 May 2003,

Bearing in mind the mandate given to the Director-General of UNIDO in Industrial Development Board decision IDB.27/Dec.8,

Considering that chapter 16 of Agenda 21 conferred an explicit mandate on UNIDO with regard to environmentally sound management of biotechnology,

Emphasizing that the Millennium Declaration adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session must continue to be pursued and developed,

1. Reiterates the invitation to the Director-General, as contained in United Nations General Assembly resolution 57/237, to include in his report to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly a section on the outcome of the Forum;

2. Emphasizes that in this framework biotechnology and its applications in industrial development could and should be discussed in depth in the Global Biotechnology Forum underlining the possible implications of biotechnology on food security, health and environment;

3. Taking into account the above, encourages the Global Biotechnology Forum to discuss in a productive manner ways for addressing, inter alia, the following issues:

(a) How to accelerate the quest for, and the acquisition, adaptation and dissemination, of innovations;
(b) How to assist in creating the necessary capacity for developing and utilizing biotechnology;

(c) How to establish, to the extent possible, stable and mutually beneficial strategic partnerships with the developed countries, as well as among the developing countries themselves;

Bearing in mind that UNIDO has to keep its inputs within its mandate,

4. Confirms its fullest support for the Global Biotechnology Forum and looks forward to discussing those sectors of the Forum that fall under UNIDO’s mandate at the twenty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board;

5. Notes with appreciation the regional meetings held in Africa (Kenya) and Latin America (Brazil) and urges the Director-General of UNIDO and all Member States to intensify their efforts to ensure the success of the European and Asian preparatory meetings and that the Forum has realistic objectives and produces useful outcomes;

6. Expresses confidence that the Global Biotechnology Forum will assist in eradicating extreme poverty throughout the world. In this connection, it stresses that the twenty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board should decide on the follow-up within UNIDO to the Global Biotechnology Forum;

7. Takes note of the ongoing discussions in the Second Committee under agenda item 91 (b) on science and technology for development and requests the Secretariat to ensure that any activities carried out on biotechnology are within UNIDO’s mandate and compatible with the final resolution under this agenda item;

8. Requests that this resolution be part of the report of the Director-General to the fifty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

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GC.10/Res.8 POVERTY REDUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The General Conference,

Taking note of the Thirteenth Iberoamerican Summit of the Heads of State and Government held at Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 14 to 15 November 2003, the initiatives included in its Declaration “Social Inclusion, the Engine that Drives the Development of the Iberoamerican Community”;

Taking note of the Millennium Development Goals adopted by the United Nations Millennium Summit,

Also taking note of the Declaration adopted by the Thirteenth Iberoamerican Summit of the Heads of State and Government and other multilateral world summits regarding poverty reduction and sustainable development,

Taking into account the necessity to combat poverty and marginalization in developing countries and, particularly, as expressed by the Iberoamerican Heads of State and Government in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Also taking into account the situation of those countries that did not participate in the Iberoamerican Summit, especially Haiti,

Bearing in mind the outcome of the special round table “Poverty reduction in Latin America in the context of sustainable development”,

Recalling the statement made by the Director-General regarding the need to reverse the inequality and poverty trends in all developing regions,

Requests the Director-General, while taking into account document IDB.27/3, for the planning and implementation of UNIDO programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, to allocate resources to the extent possible to those initiatives and programmes related to the Declaration relevant to UNIDO’s mandate, in accordance with the agreed priorities of the Organization.

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GC.10/Res.9 UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

The General Conference,

Fully aware of the severe economic and social conditions under which the Palestinian people are living in the occupied territories,

Conscious of the significance of the economic growth to the generation of job creation for poverty reduction and promotion of peace and stability,
Taking note of the Palestinian Authority’s efforts to improve its performance by conducting tangible steps to reform its financial system, ensure a high level of transparency and rehabilitate its economy,

Noting with satisfaction the valuable support rendered by UNIDO to the Palestinian economy by implementing the integrated programme to develop and upgrade the Palestinian industrial sector, and, in particular, the encouraging outcome of the pilot phase of this project that started in 2000,

1. Expresses its appreciation to Member States and UNIDO for providing the funds needed to carry out the pilot phase of the project;

2. Emphasizes the need to continue implementing in full the next phases of the programme;

3. Encourages Member States to contribute funding to the next phases of the programme;

4. Requests the Director-General to keep Member States informed on the achievements in this regard.

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GC.10/Res.10 ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

The General Conference,

Recalling the review by the JIU of management and administration in UNIDO (IDB.27/19/Add.1), the comments made by the Director-General thereon (IDB.27/19/Add.2) and the discussion held at the twenty-seventh session of the Industrial Development Board held from 26 to 28 August 2003 (GC.10/4),

Appreciative of the informal briefing for Member States held on 15 October 2003 and of the additional information given by the Secretariat and by the JIU representatives,

Taking note of the significant reforms of the Organization, of the achievements of the Director-General in driving it through a major organizational and programmatic transformation and in particular of the process used to appoint senior managers in the Organization as well as of the accomplishments so far in improving the gender balance in UNIDO,

Recognizing the ongoing efforts and the significant achievements of the Organization to reform and strengthen the administration and the implementation capacity of the Organization for the benefit of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition and for attaining the Millennium Development Goals,

Requests the Director-General:

(a) To continue further to consider the relevant recommendations in the JIU report on the management and programming of the Organization;

(b) To continue the good practice of regular consultations both within the house as well as with Member States on important matters relevant to further improving the work of UNIDO;

(c) To continue improving the results-based biennial programme and budgets and inform the Industrial Development Board on progress in developing performance indicators;

(d) To present additional recommendations on decentralization to the Industrial Development Board at its next session, following the review of the field operations scheduled for the first quarter of 2004, including the possible introduction of a rotation scheme of core Professional staff between Headquarters and the field;

(e) To consider measures for ensuring the independence of the Comptroller General in carrying out her/his duties, including, in line with the provisions adopted by the Office of Internal Oversight Services and other relevant United Nations bodies, reporting through the Director-General to the governing bodies.

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GC.10/Res.11 DATE AND PLACE OF THE ELEVENTH SESSION

The General Conference,

Recalling rule 4 and rule 8 of its rules of procedure relating to the venue of regular sessions of the Conference,

Recognizing that the primary objective of UNIDO is to contribute to industrialization of developing countries,

Noting that the General Conference of UNIDO as a specialized agency has never been held in Latin America,
1. Takes note with appreciation of the kind offer of Colombia to UNIDO to host the eleventh session of the General Conference at Cartagena de Indias in 2005;

2. Requests the Director-General:

   (a) To undertake the necessary consultations with the Government of Colombia and the Secretariat with particular regard to the financial implications deriving from holding the eleventh session of the General Conference at Cartagena de Indias;

   (b) To submit a report on the result of those consultations to the Industrial Development Board at its twenty-eighth session for decision.

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