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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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-eighth session, Mr. O. Zniber (Morocco).

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.28/Dec.9, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.29/1.

Item 2. 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 twentieth session will be reflected in document IDB.29/2. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the twentieth session of the Committee (PBC.20/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

2 (a) Report of the External Auditor, financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 2002-2003

- Conclusion 2004/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO and of the Industrial Development Fund for the financial period 2002-2003 ended 31 December 2003 (IDB.29/3-PBC.20/3)
- Financial performance report for the biennium 2002-2003. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.29/5-PBC.20/5)
- Programme performance report for 2003 (included in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2003*) (IDB.28/2-PBC.20/2 and Add.1)

2 (b) Special accounts arising from decision GC.9/Dec.14

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/8-PBC.20/8, chap. III)
- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO and of the Industrial Development Fund for the fiscal period 2002-2003 ended 31 December 2003 (IDB.29/3-PBC.20/3, annex III and note 2 (g))

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.

2 (c) Transition to a single-currency system

At its twenty-eighth session, the Board considered a report providing information on developments, inter alia, resulting from the closure of the biennial accounts, as well as on the management of technical cooperation projects in both dollars and euros (IDB.28/9). It adopted decision IDB.28/Dec.5, which requested the Director-General to inform Member States of further developments related to the transition to a single-currency system, as well as on the financial management of technical cooperation projects both in dollars and euros.

No new document is anticipated for this item, but any recent developments will be brought to the attention of the Board in a conference room paper.

2 (d) Financial situation of UNIDO

- Conclusion 2004/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/8-PBC.20/8), updated in a conference room paper as of 31 October 2004

2 (e) Security enhancements and proposed new conference facilities

At its twentieth session, the Committee had before it the following document:

- Security enhancements and proposed new conference facilities. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.29/7-PBC.20/7)

The Committee decided to refer the matter concerning the financing of UNIDO's share of the security enhancements at the Vienna International Centre to the Board at its twenty-ninth session (conclusion 2004/5).

2 (f) Mobilization of financial resources

- Conclusion 2004/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/4-PBC.20/4)
- Perspective four: consolidation of funding performance—funds mobilization. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2003* (IDB.28/2-PBC.20/2, chap. VI)

2 (g) Medium-term programme framework, 2006-2009

In accordance with General Conference decision GC.2/Dec.23, and as subsequently modified in decision GC.6/Dec.10, the Director-General is requested to submit to the Board in the first year of each fiscal period, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for the four years that follow the current fiscal period. Furthermore, in compliance with paragraph (b) (v) d of the same decision, the Director-General will indicate a general ceiling for the biennium 2006-2007 based on anticipated resources and on programme activity.

The Board will have before it:

- Medium-term programme framework, 2006-2009. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.29/6-PBC.20/6)

Item 3. Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2004 2007

The General Conference at its tenth session took note with appreciation of the information provided in document GC.10/14 concerning the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007 (GC.10/Res.2), and requested the Director-General to report to the Board regularly and to the General Conference at its eleventh session on the implementation of that resolution.

The Board will have before it the following interim report:

- Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/12)

3 (a) South-South cooperation

In its resolution GC.10/Res.4 (3) (c), the General Conference called for a progress report on the developments and steps taken with regard to South-South cooperation to the twenty-ninth session of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- South-South cooperation. Progress report by the Director-General (IDB.29/13)
- South-South cooperation. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2003*, (IDB.28/2, chap. IV. G)

3 (b) UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations

In its resolution GC.10/Res.6 (8), the General Conference requested the Director General to submit a short progress report on the developments and steps taken with regard to UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations to the twenty-ninth session of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Activities in countries emerging from crisis situations. Report by the Director General (IDB.29/11 and Add.1)

3 (c) Decentralization

In its resolution GC.10/Res.2 (7), the General Conference encouraged the Director-General to carry forward the process of decentralization to the field and further strengthen and rationalize the field operations of the Organization, and requested the Director-General to report regularly to the Board on the implementation of that resolution. In its decision IDB.28/Dec.2 (e), the Board invited the Director-General to continue his dialogue with the United Nations Development Programme (and possibly other United Nations agencies), with a view to submitting a proposal for further consideration by the Board or the General Conference.

Subsequently, the informal advisory group on decentralization recommended the consideration of the matter by the Programme and Budget Committee (IDB.29/9-PBC.20/9). In its conclusion 2004/6, the Committee *inter alia* requested the Director-General to submit to the Board for its information an implementation plan of the strategic alliance with UNDP.

In addition to the recommendation of the informal advisory group (IDB.29/9-PBC.20/9), the Board will have before it:

- Strategic alliance with the United Nations Development Programme. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/17)
- Strategic alliance with the United Nations Development Programme. Implementation plan. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/CRP.4)

3 (d) Application of the Strategic Guidelines “Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery”

In resolution GC.10/Res. 2 (6) on the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007, the General Conference requested 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. The Conference also requested the Director-General to report to the Board regularly on the implementation of that resolution.

The Board will have before it:

- Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2004-2007. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/12)

3 (e) UNIDO follow-up to the Global Biotechnology Forum

In decision IDB.28/Dec.6 (f), the Board called upon the Director-General to take into account the final statement of the Global Biotechnology Forum, as contained in annex II to document IDB.28/8, in planning and implementing relevant follow-up activities fully within UNIDO’s mandate.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO follow-up to the Global Biotechnology Forum. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.29/18)

Item 4. Status of work of the informal consultative groups

A report presented to the twenty-eighth session informed the Board on the activities of two informal consultative groups of Member States: voluntary contributions and UNIDO membership, and trade capacity-building, as well as on the establishment of an informal advisory group on field representation. That information will be updated in the following document:

- Status of work of the informal consultative groups. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.29/10)

Item 5. Activities of the Evaluation Group

The Board will be informed of evaluations and related activities, including the main findings in evaluation reports of integrated programmes, in the following document:

- Activities of the Evaluation Group. Report by the Secretariat (IDB.29/14)

Item 6. Personnel matters

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system.

By decision GC.1/Dec.37 the General Conference accepted the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In its decision GC.10/Dec.20, the General Conference elected two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2004-2005. One of the member posts has become vacant upon the departure from Vienna of the incumbent, and the Board may wish to proceed with the election for that post for the remainder of the term in accordance with General Conference decision GC.10/Dec.20, paragraph (c).

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.29/15)

Item 7. International Centre for Science and High Technology

In decision IDB.28/Dec.7 (d), the Board decided to adopt the draft statute of the International Centre for Science and High Technology as contained in the annex

to that decision, which would enter into effect subject to the approval by the twenty-ninth session of the Board of the arrangements to be proposed jointly by the Government of Italy and the UNIDO Secretariat with a view to ensuring that the new statute of the ICS does not lead to any liability for the Organization.

Since consultations on the arrangements to be proposed jointly by the Government of Italy and the UNIDO Secretariat are still ongoing, up-to-date information will be submitted in due time.

Item 8. Date, place and preparation of the eleventh session of the General Conference

In decision IDB.28/Dec.10 (f), the Board requested the Director-General to continue consultations and to provide delegations with further documentation in good time in order to reach a decision on the proposal to hold the next session of General Conference at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, during the twenty-ninth session of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Date, place and preparation of the eleventh session of the General Conference. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.29/16)

Item 9. Provisional agenda and date of the thirtieth 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 the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the thirtieth session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.29/CRP.2)

Item 10. Adoption of the report