SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

THURSDAY, 3 May 2007

10 a.m.  
3rd plenary meeting  
BOARD ROOM

Items 5, 6 and 7: (continued)

Items 4 and 9: (continued)

Item 10:  Appointment of an External Auditor

Item 11:  Date of the twenty-fourth session

11 a.m.  
Informal consultations (2nd meeting)  
CONFERENCE ROOM III

3 p.m.  
4th plenary meeting  
BOARD ROOM

Adoption of conclusions

Item 12:  Adoption of the report
SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 2 May 2007

1st PLENARY MEETING (10:17 a.m.)

The twenty-third session of the Committee was opened by the outgoing Chairperson, H. E. Ms. Kongi Sinegiorgis (Ethiopia), who made a statement.

Item 1: Election of Officers

The following were elected as officers of the current session:

Chair: H.E. Mr. R. Schaller (Switzerland)
Vice-Chair: H.E. Ms. T. Feroukhi (Algeria)
Vice-Chair: Mr. A. R. Shagaghi (Iran, Islamic Republic of)
Vice-Chair: Mr. S. Radomski (Poland)
Rapporteur: Mr. L. Luna (Peru)

The newly elected Chairman made a statement.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as proposed was adopted.

The Director-General and Ms. Amita Misra, Director, Financial Services, made a statement.


Mr. Graham Randall presented the interim report on behalf of the Auditor-General of South Africa, External Auditor of UNIDO.

Statements were made by representatives of Sudan (on behalf of the G77 and China), Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Germany (on behalf of the EU, the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, Ukraine and Moldova), Peru (on behalf of GRULAC), India (on behalf of the Asian Group), Japan, Pakistan, China, Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation.

A representative of the Secretariat replied to questions raised on item 3.

The Rapporteur made a statement.
2nd PLENARY MEETING (3:05 p.m.)

A statement was made by a special guest, H.E. Mr. K. Tsuruoka, Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Items 5, 6 and 7:
- Programme and budgets, 2008-2009
- Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2008-2009
- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2008-2009

Statements were made by representatives of Sudan (on behalf of the G77 and China), Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Germany (on behalf of the EU, the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, Ukraine and Moldova), Peru (on behalf of GRULAC), India (on behalf of the Asian Group), Japan, Turkey, Ecuador and Cuba.

Closure of items 5, 6 and 7 was postponed to the 3rd plenary as one speaker was not available.

Item 8: Accounting standards

Statements were made by representatives of Germany (on behalf of the EU, the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, Ukraine and Moldova), Sudan (on behalf of the G77 and China), Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Peru (on behalf of GRULAC), India (on behalf of the Asian Group) and Japan.

A representative of the Secretariat replied to questions raised on item 8.

Items 4 and 9:
- Financial situation of UNIDO
- Mobilization of financial resources

Statements were made by representatives of Sudan (on behalf of the G77 and China), Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Germany (on behalf of the EU, the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, Ukraine and Moldova), Peru (on behalf of GRULAC), India (on behalf of the Asian Group) and Turkey.

Closure of items 4 and 9 was postponed to the 3rd plenary as one speaker was not available.

The second plenary closed at 5:28 p.m.