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Opening of the session

The thirty-fourth session of the Board will be opened by the Acting President of the Board, Mr. L. A. Padilla Menéndez (Guatemala).

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the thirty-fourth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List C of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the African States and Asian States in List A and the States included in List B, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List D.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.33/Dec.12 and updated to reflect mandates of the General Conference, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.34/1.

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.



The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.34/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.34/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.34/CRP.1)

Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General for 2007 on the activities of the Organization

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11. At the request of the Board in decision IDB.23/Dec.12, annual reports include information on operational activities for developments arising from relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions, including the triennial comprehensive policy review. In compliance with resolution GC.10/Res.5, Member States are kept informed in the annual report of UNIDO's role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. Thus, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007* covers information on UNIDO's participation in the United Nations system-wide coherence with particular reference to the "One UN" initiative, the three thematic priorities, South-South cooperation and support to the least developed countries.

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007* (including programme performance report) (IDB.34/2)

Item 4. Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, including:

- (a) **South-South cooperation;**
- (b) **Regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;**
- (c) **UNIDO access to the Global Environment Facility.**

Documentation under this item takes into account the strategic long-term vision statement (GC.11/Res.4) and the proposed medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011 (IDB.32/8 and Add.1, IDB.32/CRP.5). In compliance with resolution GC.12/Res.2, the documentation also refers to the needs of the least developed countries and includes information on programmes proposed in the joint communiqué of the Mano River Union that took place during the twelfth session of the General Conference (resolution GC.12/Res.5). The documentation also

supplements information contained in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007* (IDB.34/2, chap. 3-6) on UNIDO activities in support of South-South cooperation, and addresses Board decision IDB.31/Dec.4, in which the Director-General was requested to keep Member States informed as to progress with regard to seeking direct access to the Global Environment Facility in three focal areas. Furthermore, the documentation will comprise a progress report on the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean, taking account of resolution GC.12/Res.1.

The Board will have before it:

- Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, including South-South cooperation, regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean and UNIDO access to the Global Environment Facility. Report by the Director-General (IDB.34/6)

Item 5. United Nations system-wide coherence

In General Conference resolution GC.12/Res.6, the Director-General was requested, inter alia, to inform the governing bodies on the results of discussions on United Nations system-wide coherence and its implications for UNIDO. An update on UNIDO contributions to United Nations system-wide coherence was submitted to the twelfth session of the General Conference (GC.12/CRP.6). New developments, in particular the United Nations reform event hosted by UNIDO in Vienna in March 2008, will be reflected in the following document:

- United Nations system-wide coherence. Report by the Director-General (IDB.34/7)

Item 6. Financial situation of UNIDO

The following reports on the financial situation will include information on the amounts renounced by Member States in line with General Conference decision GC.12/Dec.10:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.34/8)
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.34/CRP.2)

Item 7. Activities of the Evaluation Group

By decision IDB.29/Dec.7, the Board requested the Secretariat to report on evaluation activities on a biennial basis.

The Board will have before it:

- Activities of the Evaluation Group. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.34/5)

Item 8. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the pilot scheme of follow-up to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director-General (IDB.34/4)

Item 9. Number and duration of sessions

The number and duration of sessions has been the subject of discussions at the thirty-second and thirty-third sessions. The Board considered two notes by the Secretariat (IDB.32/9 and IDB.33/11). The debate at the thirty-third session under that item is reflected in summary record IDB.33/SR.4, paras. 15-20. No additional information was requested.

Item 10. 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 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 grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

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

Item 11. Date and place of the thirteenth session of the General Conference

At its twelfth session, the General Conference noted that the thirteenth session had been tentatively scheduled for 7-11 December 2009 in Vienna but also acknowledged the tentative interest of some Member States to host the thirteenth session of the Conference (decision GC.12/Dec.19). The Conference requested the Director-General to undertake the necessary consultations with interested Member States, with particular regard to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. Furthermore, the Conference delegated to the Board, in accordance with Article 8 (2)(b) and Article 8 (4) of the Constitution of UNIDO, the authority to consider and determine at its thirty-fourth session the venue and date of the thirteenth session of the General Conference.

The Board will have before it:

- Date and place of the thirteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director-General (IDB.34/9)

Item 12. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-fifth 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 thirty-fifth session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.34/CRP.3)

Item 13. Adoption of the report

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