SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

THURSDAY, 4 September 2008

10 a.m.  3rd plenary meeting  BOARD ROOM

Item 7: Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013
Item 8: Date of twenty-fifth session

Adoption of conclusions

Item 9: Adoption of the report

Closure of the session
SUMMARY OF MEETINGS
WEDNESDAY, 3 September 2008

1st PLENARY MEETING (10.35 a.m.)

The twenty-fourth session of the Programme and Budget Committee was opened by H.E. Mrs. T. Feroukhi (Algeria), Acting Chairperson of the twenty-third session.

Item 1: Election of officers

The following were elected as officers of the current session:
Chairman: H.E. Mr. T. Wibowo (Indonesia)
Vice-Chair: Ms. A. Pastorelli (Italy)
Vice-Chair: Mr. U. Canchola Gutierrez (Mexico)
Vice-Chair: Ms. A. Lesnodorska (Poland)
Rapporteur: Mr. F. Belamri (Algeria)

The newly elected Chairman made a statement.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as contained in document PBC.24/1 was adopted.

The Director-General made a statement.


A statement was made by the outgoing External Auditor of UNIDO, Mr. Terence Nombembe, Auditor-General for the Republic of South Africa.

Statements were made by representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the G77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Sudan (on behalf of the African Group), Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group) and Argentina (on behalf of GRULAC).

The Rapporteur made a statement.
Item 3: continued

With H.E. Mr. T. Wibowo (Indonesia) in the chair, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Japan, China, Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Colombia and South Africa.

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

Items 4 and 6: - Financial situation of UNIDO
                   - Mobilization of financial resources

Statements were made by representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the G77 and China), France (on behalf the European Union), Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group), Japan, the Russian Federation, Cuba, Ecuador and South Africa.

A representative of the Secretariat replied to questions raised on items 4 and 6.

Item 5: Accounting Standards

Statements were made by representatives of Pakistan (on behalf of the G77 and China) and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the African Group).
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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