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**Introduction**

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirty-fifth session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. The summary records of the Board (IDB.35/SR.1-SR.4), where the details of the proceedings are contained, form an integral part of the present report.

2. The following decision of the Board, reproduced in annex I, is related to the work of the General Conference at its thirteenth session:

   **IDB.35/Dec.5**  Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013

**I. Organizational and procedural matters**

3. The thirty-fifth session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 2 to 3 December 2008 (4 plenary meetings – see IDB.35/SR.1-4).

**Participation**

4. All 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Afghanistan, Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

5. The following 46 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Albania, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

6. The Holy See participated as observer.

7. Palestine participated as observer.

8. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta participated as observer.

9. The following United Nations bodies were represented: United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
10. The following United Nations specialized agencies and related organizations were represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), World Trade Organization (WTO).

11. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), European Commission, Institution for the Use of Micro-Algae Spirulina against Malnutrition (CISRI-ISP), International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), International Organization for Migration (IOM).

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts (AFIDE), Austrian Senior Experts Pool (ASEP), Austro-Egyptian Chamber of Commerce, Forum Francophone des Affaires (FFA), Global Options and Linkages (GOAL), Institut Supérieur de Gestion (ISG), International Committee for Plastics in Agriculture (CIPA), International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE), International Council of Women (ICW), International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), Mountain Unlimited, Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC), Soroptimist International (SI).

Opening of the session

13. The thirty-fifth session of the Board was declared open by its President, Mr. H. Bazoberry Otero (Bolivia).

Officers of the session

14. The officers of the thirty-fifth session were those elected at the commencement of the first regular session in 2008: Mr. H. Bazoberry Otero (Bolivia) as President, Ms. K. Sinegiorgis (Ethiopia), Mr. A. Raiss Shaghaghi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. G. Kemmerling (Germany) as Vice-Presidents, and Ms. N. Vladulescu (Romania) as Rapporteur.

Agenda of the session

15. The Board adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
   (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
   (c) Accounting standards;
   (d) Mobilization of financial resources;
   (e) Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013.

5. Global food crisis: UNIDO’s response.
7. Personnel matters.
8. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
9. Conclusion of Standard Basic Cooperation Agreements between UNIDO and Member States.
10. Number and duration of sessions.
11. Preparatory arrangements for the thirteenth session of the General Conference.
12. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-sixth session.
13. Adoption of the report.

16. During the adoption of the agenda, statements were made by representatives of France on behalf of the European Union and Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China (see IDB.35/SR.1, paras. 3 and 4). The Board agreed not to take up consideration of agenda item 10, number and duration of sessions, but only to take note of the entry contained in the annotated agenda (IDB.35/1/Add.1).

17. The Board adopted a proposal by the President to ensure the maximum utilization of available conference-servicing resources (see annex I, decision IDB.35/Dec.1, IDB.35/SR.1, paras. 41 and 42).

18. The Board decided to set up informal in-session consultations with the aim of facilitating the drafting of decisions and entrusted Vice-President Mr. G. Kemmerling (Germany) to chair those consultations (see IDB.35/SR.2, paras. 8 and 9).

II. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (item 2)

19. Under item 2, the Board decided to discuss simultaneously sub-items (a) to (e). The debate on these sub-items is reflected in summary records IDB.35/SR.1, paras. 43 to 90 and IDB.35/SR.2, paras. 10 to 27. The Board had before it the report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its twenty-fourth session (IDB.35/2) and the documents mentioned under A to E below.


20. Under item 2 (a), the Board had before it the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007 (IDB.35/3*), the financial performance report for the biennium 2006-2007 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.35/4) and the programme performance
B. Financial situation of UNIDO

21. Under item 2 (b), the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.35/5) and updated information on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.35/CRP.2). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.3 (see annex I).

C. Accounting standards

22. Under item 2 (c), the Board had before it a progress report by the Secretariat on International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IDB.35/6). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

D. Mobilization of financial resources

23. Under item 2 (d), the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on mobilization of financial resources (IDB.35/7), and information in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007* on funding performance (IDB.34/2, chapter 1.C), as well as information on projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2007 (PBC.24/CRP.2). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.4) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.4 (see annex I).

E. Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013

24. Under item 2 (e), the Board had before it proposals of the Director-General on the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013 (IDB.35/8) and comprehensive proposals of the Director-General entitled “Industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability – medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013” (IDB.35/8/Add.1 and Corr.1 (for English only)). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.10) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.5 (see annex I).

III. Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011 (item 3)

25. Under item 3, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011 (IDB.35/14). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.2, paras. 28 to 51. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.
IV. Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (item 4); United Nations system-wide coherence (item 6)

26. The Board decided to discuss simultaneously items 4 and 6. The debate on these items is reflected in summary records IDB.35/SR.2, paras. 52 to 84 and IDB.35/SR.3, paras. 1 to 9.

A. Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (item 4)

27. Under item 4, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (IDB.35/11). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

B. United Nations system-wide coherence (item 6)

28. Under item 6, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on United Nations system-wide coherence (IDB.35/12). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

V. Global food crisis: UNIDO’s response (item 5)

29. Under item 5, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the global food crisis: UNIDO’s response (IDB.35/9). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.3, paras. 10 to 60. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

VI. Conclusion of Standard Basic Cooperation Agreements between UNIDO and Member States (item 9)

30. Under item 9, the Board had before it a note by the Director-General on the conclusion of basic cooperation agreements between Governments and UNIDO (IDB.35/15) and a conference room paper with the same title (IDB.35/CRP.5). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.3, paras. 61 to 62. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.5) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.6 (see annex 1).

VII. Preparatory arrangements for the thirteenth session of the General Conference (item 11)

31. Under item 11, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on preparatory arrangements for the thirteenth session of the General Conference (IDB.35/16). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.3,
VIII. Personnel matters (item 7)

32. Under item 7, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on personnel matters (IDB.35/13) and a conference room paper entitled “List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat” (IDB.35/CRP.3). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.3, paras. 69 to 74. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.8 (see annex I).

IX. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations (item 8)

33. Under item 8, the Board had before it two notes by the Director-General on applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status (IDB.35/10 and Add.1). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.3, paras. 75 to 76. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.7) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.9 (see annex I).

X. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-sixth session (item 12)

34. Under item 12, the Board had before it a note by the Director-General on the provisional agenda and date of the thirty-sixth session (IDB.35/CRP.4). A statement on the item was made by the President and is reflected in summary record IDB.35/SR.4, para. 1. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.35/L.9) and adopted decision IDB.35/Dec.10 (see annex I).

XI. Adoption of the report (item 13)

35. Under item 13, the Board considered the draft report (IDB.35/L.1) and adopted it as a whole with the understanding that the Rapporteur would be entrusted with the task of finalizing the report (see summary record IDB.35/SR.4, paras. 34 to 36).

XII. Closure of the session

36. On 3 December 2008, at 5.07 p.m., the Board closed its thirty-fifth session (see IDB.35/SR.4, paras. 37 to 39).
## Annex I

### Decisions adopted by the Board at its thirty-fifth session

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**IDB.35/Dec.1 Utilization of available conference-servicing resources**

The Industrial Development Board, with the aim of utilizing the available conference-servicing resources to the maximum extent possible, decided to suspend with immediate effect rule 32 of its rules of procedure relating to the quorum, for the meetings of its thirty-fifth session only, provided no substantive decisions were taken at those meetings.

*1st plenary meeting
2 December 2008*


The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2007 as contained in document IDB.35/3-PBC.24/3*, as well as the financial performance report for the biennium 2006-2007 (IDB.35/4-PBC.24/4) and the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2007*, including the programme performance report for 2007 (IDB.34/2-PBC.24/2);

(b) Recognized the important contribution the External Auditor makes to the improvement of UNIDO’s management, operations and performance through his recommendations;

(c) Also took note of the Director-General’s statement at the twenty-fourth session of the Programme and Budget Committee;

(d) Expressed its thanks to the External Auditor for the services rendered by him;

(e) Requested the Director-General to continue implementing the recommendations of the External Auditor and to report thereon to the Industrial Development Board at its thirty-sixth session.

*4th plenary meeting
3 December 2008*

**IDB.35/Dec.3 Financial situation of UNIDO**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.35/5-PBC.24/5;

(b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that have 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 and former Member States to effect the collection of arrears.

*4th plenary meeting
3 December 2008*
**IDB.35/Dec.4  Mobilization of financial resources**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.35/7-PBC.24/7;

(b) Decided to delegate to the Director-General the authority to approve projects for financing under the Industrial Development Fund in 2008 and 2009 in accordance with the priorities defined in the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011 (IDB.32/8 and Add.1, and IDB.32/CRP.5);

(c) Encouraged Member States and other donors to increase their voluntary contributions to UNIDO;

(d) Also encouraged all donors to consider contributing programmable funds, specifically to enable UNIDO to implement the integrated programmes in a coordinated manner and achieve the synergy and increased impact envisaged in the integrated programme concept, as well as to support an efficient development and implementation of the new initiatives and thematic programmes responding to international development priorities;

(e) Requested Member States to consider contributing to UNIDO to enable the Organization to participate in programmes requiring co-funding, either through contributing to dedicated trust funds or by special purpose funding at country or global level;

(f) Further encouraged Governments of beneficiary countries to play an active role alongside UNIDO to mobilize funds for jointly developed programmes and other high-priority activities, and specifically to assist in identifying and accessing funds available at the country level, including cost sharing arrangements, and funds from bilateral donors, multi-donor trust funds, United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other development finance institutions;

(g) Strongly recommended Member States to support UNIDO in its efforts to develop and promote its programmes and initiatives in the international development context, and especially through international conferences and other forms of dialogue, in order to ensure that these initiatives are well known, their relevance for international development targets recognized, and resources made available.

*4th plenary meeting
3 December 2008*

**IDB.35/Dec.5  Medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Having considered the comprehensive proposals of the Director-General for the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013 (IDB.35/8 and IDB.35/8/Add.1);

(b) Recommended to the General Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“The General Conference:
“Recalling its decision GC.2/Dec.23, as amended in decision GC.6/Dec.10, requesting the Director-General to submit to the Board a medium-term programme framework;

“Acknowledging the importance of providing the Organization with a comprehensive and coherent framework to respond effectively to the challenges of a rapidly changing environment for industrial development;

“Expressing its appreciation for the contents of the medium-term programme framework as contained in IDB.35/8/Add.1, in particular the combination of programme continuity and a number of programmatic enhancements;

“Welcoming the new format and innovative features, especially the introduction of programmatic components, the envisaged alignment with the programme and budgets preparation and the introduction of an aggregate results matrix with performance indicators;

“Also welcoming the presentation of separate regional programmes in the medium-term programme framework for Africa, the Arab region, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and the Newly Independent States, Latin America and the Caribbean, including the introduction of region-specific response strategies;

“(a) Recognizes that the medium-term programme framework is an important and flexible tool for implementing the Organization’s mandates;

“(b) Takes note with appreciation of the medium-term programme framework, 2010-2013;

“(c) Invites the Director-General to report on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework in the annual report.”

4th plenary meeting
3 December 2008

IDB.35/Dec.6 Conclusion of basic cooperation agreements between Governments and UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled decision GC.1/Dec.40 adopted by the General Conference at its first session on 12 December 1985;

(b) Took note of the information provided by the Director-General in document IDB.35/15 on the conclusion of basic cooperation agreements between Governments and UNIDO;

(c) Encouraged the Secretariat to intensify its efforts negotiating with the recipient Governments that have not yet done so to conclude appropriate cooperation agreements and to bring such agreements into force;

(d) Requested the Director-General to report periodically to the Board on the status of cooperation agreements concluded on behalf of the Organization.

4th plenary meeting
3 December 2008
**IDB.35/Dec.7**  **Date and place of the thirteenth session of the General Conference**

In the context of the serious global financial crisis that has created a challenging environment for many governments, the Board decided:

(a) To reconsider its decision IDB.34/Dec.9;

(b) To hold the thirteenth session of the General Conference in Vienna from 7 to 11 December 2009, thereby superseding decision IDB.34/Dec.9.

*4th plenary meeting 3 December 2008*

**IDB.35/Dec.8**  **Personnel matters**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.35/13;

(b) Noted the amendments made in pursuance to staff regulation 13.3 to schedule I of the staff regulations in order to bring them into conformity with the decision of the General Assembly set out in resolution 62/227;

(c) Also noted the amendment to appendices A, C and N to the staff rules and to staff rule 103.12 (a) (i).

*4th plenary meeting 3 December 2008*

**IDB.35/Dec.9**  **Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in documents IDB.35/10 and Add.1;

(b) Decided, in accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution and the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (General Conference GC.1/Dec.41, annex, para. 17), to grant consultative status with UNIDO to the following non-governmental organizations:

- The International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), and
- The Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments (OLAGI).

*4th plenary meeting 3 December 2008*

**IDB.35/Dec.10**  **Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-sixth session**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.35/CRP.4;

(b) Decided to approve the following provisional agenda for its thirty-sixth session:
1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, including:
   (a) Regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;
   (b) Regional programme for Africa;
   (c) Arab regional programme; and
   (d) Other regional programmes.
5. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
   (a) Interim report of the External Auditor, including the implementation of recommendations of the External Auditor for the biennium 2006-2007; financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 2008-2009;
   (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
   (c) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2010-2011;
   (d) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2010-2011;
   (e) Accounting standards;
   (f) Mobilization of financial resources;
   (g) Appointment of an External Auditor.
10. Impact of the global financial crisis on industrial development in developing countries: UNIDO’s response.
11. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
12. Personnel matters, including new social security agreement.
13. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
14. Recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director-General.
15. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the General Conference.
16. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-seventh session.
17. Adoption of the report.
(c) Decided to hold its thirty-sixth session from 23 to 26 June 2009.

4th plenary meeting
3 December 2008
Annex II

Documents submitted to the Board at its thirty-fifth session

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