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Introductory note

1. The decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its sixth regular session (1995) are reproduced in the present document.
2. The table of contents, for ease of reference, lists a serial number by which each decision or resolution may be cited, the title of each decision and resolution, the pertinent background document(s), a reference to the summary record of the plenary meeting at which the decision or resolution was adopted and the relevant agenda item. Decisions and resolutions are, as far as possible, set out in the order of the agenda.
3. The present document should be read in conjunction with the summary records of the General Conference, where details of the proceedings are provided.

AGENDA OF THE SIXTH REGULAR SESSION

1. Opening of the sixth session.
2. Election of officers:
 - (a) Election of the President;
 - (b) Election of other officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
6. Elections to organs:
 - (a) Industrial Development Board;
 - (b) Programme and Budget Committee.
7. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth regular sessions.
8. State and prospects of the reform and revitalization process:
 - (a) UNIDO policy framework—Organizational and staff structure;
 - (b) Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 1993 and 1994;
 - (c) Medium-term plan, 1996-2001;
 - (d) Programme and budgets, 1996-1997;
 - (e) Field representation.
9. Industrial development and cooperation activities:
 - (a) Industrial development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 49/108, including the external debt and industrial development);
 - (b) Industrial and technological growth and competitiveness;
 - (c) Development of human resources for industry;
 - (d) Equitable development through industrial development;
 - (e) Environmentally sustainable industrial development;
 - (f) International cooperation in industrial investment and technology, including cooperation among developing countries;
 - (g) Industrialization of the least developed countries;
 - (h) Private sector development;
 - (i) Global priorities (follow-up to major United Nations conferences, e.g. International Conference on Population and Development, World Summit for Social Development, Fourth World Conference on Women);
 - (j) Operational activities for development.
10. Regional priorities and programmes:
 - (a) Africa (in particular the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa);
 - (b) Arab countries;
 - (c) Asia and the Pacific;
 - (d) Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (e) Europe and Newly Independent States.
11. Mobilization of financial resources for UNIDO programmes.
12. Financial and administrative matters:
 - (a) Financial situation of UNIDO;
 - (b) Working Capital Fund;
 - (c) Scale of assessments of Member States;
 - (d) Appointment of External Auditor;
 - (e) Personnel matters;
 - (f) Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria;
 - (g) Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations;
 - (h) Computerization programme.
13. Date and place of the seventh session.
14. Closure of the sixth session.

DECISIONS

GC.6/Dec.1 INCLUSION OF MEMBER STATES IN THE LISTS OF STATES OF ANNEX I TO THE CONSTITUTION

The General Conference decided to include Eritrea and Kyrgyzstan in List A of Annex I to the Constitution and Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Moldova in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

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GC.6/Dec.2 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation Mr. Alexander GORELIK (Russian Federation) President of the Conference at its sixth session.

*1st plenary meeting
4 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.3 ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its sixth session: Mr. R. A. WALKER (Australia), Mr. J. AGBO (Central African Republic), Mr. D. STERN (Croatia), Mr. R. SAGASTI (Ecuador), Mr. Y. HOJJAT (Islamic Republic of Iran), Ms. R. LAJOUS VARGAS (Mexico), Mr. S. K. LEE (Republic of Korea), Mr. J. A. de YTURRIAGA BARBERAN (Spain) and Mr. M. SYAMUJAYE (Zambia).

*1st plenary meeting
4 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.4 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference adopted the agenda of its sixth session as contained in document GC.6/1.

*1st plenary meeting
4 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.5 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 7 to 12 in the plenary in the form of a general debate;

(b) Also decided to establish, in accordance with rule 44 of its rules of procedure, one Main Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. K. G. Kgoroba (Botswana), on which each Member participating in the Conference might be represented;

(c) Further decided to allocate agenda items 7 to 12 to the Main Committee for a more focused debate, aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary, and requested the Chairman of the Main Committee, in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11, to submit a written report to the Conference on the Committee's work on 7 December 1995.

*1st plenary meeting
4 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.6 APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: Bolivia, China, Ethiopia, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Mali, Russian Federation, United States of America and Venezuela.

*1st plenary meeting
4 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.7 CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference approved the report of the Credentials Committee on the credentials of representatives to the sixth session of the General Conference as reflected in summary record GC.6/SR.8, paragraphs 1 to 10.

*8th plenary meeting
7 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.8 ELECTION OF TWENTY-SIX MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 9.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-six members to the Industrial Development Board to hold office until the close of the eighth regular session of the Conference in 1999:

(a) Fifteen members from States in Lists A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Brazil, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya,

Morocco, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates;

(b) Eight members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania.

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As a result, the Industrial Development Board is composed of the following States: Algeria*, Argentina*, Austria*, Belgium**, Brazil**, Bulgaria**, Cape Verde**, China**, Colombia**, Côte d'Ivoire*, Cuba*, Denmark**, Ecuador*, Egypt*, France**, Germany**, Ghana**, Greece**, Hungary**, India*, Indonesia**, Iran (Islamic Republic of)*, Italy**, Japan**, Kenya**, Lebanon*, Mexico*, Morocco**, Netherlands*, Nicaragua*, Nigeria*, Pakistan**, Paraguay**, Peru**, Philippines*, Poland*, Portugal*, Qatar*, Republic of Korea**, Romania**, Russian Federation*, Saudi Arabia*, Sierra Leone**, Spain*, Sudan*, Sweden*, Switzerland*, Tunisia**, Turkey*, Uganda*, United Arab Emirates**, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**, Zambia*.

GC.6/Dec.9 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 10.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members of the Programme and Budget Committee to hold office until the close of the seventh regular session of the Conference in 1997:

(a) Fifteen members from States in Lists A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Brazil, Cameroon, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

* Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the close of the seventh regular session of the General Conference in 1997 (see decision GC.5/Dec.7 of 9 December 1993).

** Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the close of the eighth regular session of the General Conference in 1999 (see decision GC.6/Dec.8 of 8 December 1995).

Mali, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay;

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.10 MEDIUM-TERM PLAN, 1996-2001

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the medium-term plan, 1996-2001, as contained in document IDB.13/19;

(b) Decided in future to rename the "medium-term plan" the "medium-term programme framework", and to reduce its coverage to four years;

(c) Further decided, in light of Industrial Development Board decision IDB.14/Dec.27, that in the event that the cash resources availability for the biennium 1996-1997 changed significantly resulting in a curtailment of the assumptions contained in document IDB.14/29, to present a revised version of the medium-term programme framework.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.11 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 1996-1997

The General Conference:

(a) Approved the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 as contained in document IDB/S.6/2, on the understanding that the Industrial Development Board at its fifteenth session through the Programme and Budget Committee would undertake an in-depth examination of the programmatic contents of the revised programme and budgets, 1996-1997 in accordance with the arrangements set out under paragraphs (g) to (j) below;

(b) Appropriated on the basis of an exchange rate of US\$ 1 = AS 12.90 a total amount of \$210,246,600 for the regular budget of the Organization in 1996-1997, as reflected in the following table:

	(In US dollars)		
	Appropriations	Estimated income	Net requirements
Policy-making Organs	7,347,800		7,347,800
General Management	11,873,900		11,873,900
Country Programmes and Funds Mobilization	25,677,600		25,677,600
Information and Research	15,796,400		15,796,400
Human Resource, Enterprise and Private Sector Development	12,052,600		12,052,600
Industrial Sectors and Environment	19,368,700		19,368,700
Investment and Technology Promotion	13,265,800		13,265,800
Common Programmes	18,069,700		18,069,700
Joint and Common Services	49,983,900	26,986,500	22,997,400
Administration	36,810,20	755,200	36,055,000
Miscellaneous Income		1,605,400	(1,605,400)
Total	210,246,600	29,347,100	180,899,500

Note: The amounts presented in the table are to be adjusted in accordance with the adjustment formula presented at the end of the present decision to take account of exchange rate variations during the biennium.

(c) Decided that the foregoing appropriations of \$210,246,600 at an exchange rate of US\$ 1 = AS 12.90 should be financed from:

(i) Payments of contributions by Member States under the provisions of financial regulation 5.5(e) amounting to \$156,360,712 (\$18,763,250 plus the equivalent in United States dollars of AS 1,775,007,266) in accordance with decision GC.6/Dec.17 adopted by the General Conference at its sixth session concerning the scale of assessments;

(ii) Miscellaneous and other income of \$29,347,100;

(iii) United States mandatory payment of \$24,538,788 (\$2,944,650 plus the equivalent in United States dollars of AS 278,564,374);

(d) Approved estimates of expenditure totalling \$28,810,000 at an exchange rate of US\$ 1 = AS 12.90 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 1996-1997 to be financed from voluntary contributions and such other income as might be provided for in the financial regulations;

(e) Requested, however, at the same time the Director-General to implement the programme and budgets for 1996-1997 within the cash resource availability and in accordance with the contingency plans presented by him;

(f) Took note that the basis of the 1998-1999 budget appropriation would be \$185,707,812 at an

exchange rate of US\$ 1 = AS 12.90 representing the 1996-1997 appropriation of \$210,246,600 less the United States mandatory payment of \$24,538,788;

(g) Authorized the Industrial Development Board at its fifteenth session to examine in depth the revised programme and budgets 1996-1997 and recommend such appropriate changes as may be required in the light of a report of the Director-General on the experience of the Organization in implementing the programme and budgets in the first quarter of 1996;

(h) Requested the Board at its fifteenth session to review the relevance of the 25 per cent ceiling of assessments as contained in Article 15.2 of the UNIDO Constitution in the light of the discussion which had taken place at the General Conference;

(i) Also requested the Director-General to issue a report on the composition of the Secretariat including relevant information on desirable ranges of representation;

(j) Further requested the Director-General to convene an additional session of the Programme and Budget Committee in May 1996 to discuss the reports of the Director-General and make appropriate recommendations to assist the Industrial Development Board in its tasks relating to paragraphs (g) to (i) above;

(k) Finally requested the Director-General to report on the above on a regular basis to the policy-making organs.

Adjustment formula in US dollars

Appropriations	US dollars	Austrian schillings
Policy-making Organs	430,000 +	89,240,200 /R
General Management	1,361,200 +	135,614,400 /R
Country Programmes and Funds Mobilization	2,907,900 +	293,729,580 /R
Information and Research	2,098,800 +	176,698,700 /R
Human Resource, Enterprise and Private Sector Development	1,497,800 +	136,156,600 /R
Industrial Sectors and Environment	2,363,000 +	219,373,400 /R
Investment and Technology Promotion	1,760,600 +	148,416,800 /R
Common Programmes	5,609,700 +	160,733,940 /R
Joint and Common Services	2,950,800 +	606,726,500 /R
Administration	<u>2,639,100 +</u>	<u>440,807,220 /R</u>
Subtotal - Appropriations	23,618,900 +	2,407,497,340 /R
Estimated income		
Joint and Common Services	1,184,200 +	332,849,800 /R
Administration	28,000 +	9,380,700 /R
Miscellaneous	<u>698,800 +</u>	<u>11,695,200 /R</u>
Subtotal - Estimated income	1,911,000 +	353,925,700 /R
TOTAL NET REQUIREMENTS	21,707,900 +	2,053,571,640 /R

Note 1: The net requirements shown above assume a ratio of 12 per cent in US dollars and 88 per cent in Austrian schillings at an exchange rate of US\$ 1 = AS 12.90.

Note 2: R represents the average United Nations exchange rate for Austrian schilling to US dollar which will be experienced during 1996-1997.

Note 3: The estimates expressed at the United Nations accounting rate of exchange for December 1995 of US\$ 1 = AS 10.00 are: (i) regular budget net requirements \$227,065,100 and (ii) operational budget \$35,546,900.

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GC.6/Dec.12 GUIDELINES FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION SERVICE OFFICES

The General Conference took note of the report by the Director-General on industrial investment promotion (IDB.14/16-GC.6/5/Add.2) and decided to amend the Guidelines for the Functioning of the Investment Promotion Service Offices, approved in General Conference resolution GC.3/Res.19, as follows:

The new text of paragraph 11 as approved in General Conference resolution GC.3/Res.19 *should read:*

"11. Funding arrangements for IPSOs

"IPSOs shall be financed by their host countries, who shall make voluntary contributions to UNIDO adequate to meet the costs to the Organization. The funding for all expenditures including the charge for programme support services (overhead charge) shall be provided in convertible currencies, except that in countries with non-convertible currencies, funding for expenditures of IPSOs in local currency may be provided in such local currency, while the funding for all other expenditures including the charge for programme support services (overhead charge)

shall be provided in convertible currency. A procedures and operations manual for the IPSOs shall be prepared.

"When requested by an interested country referred to in paragraph 4 above, UNIDO shall try to arrange extrabudgetary financing for the instalment and operating expenses of IPS offices established in developing countries. IPSOs may also raise additional resources by charging fees for services rendered on a cost-reimbursement basis."

The new text of paragraph 12 as reflected in document GC.3/13 and approved in General Conference resolution GC.3/Res.19 *should read*:

"12. Personnel arrangements for IPSOs

"The Head of the IPSO will be appointed by the Director-General of UNIDO in accordance with the regulations, rules and procedures of UNIDO and after consultation with the host Government. UNIDO will operate and supervise the IPSO. The Head will either be appointed under the 200 series of the UNIDO staff rules and have the status of international project personnel or will be appointed as a locally recruited National Professional Officer, to whom the local salary scales apply as established by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) for this particular category of professional staff. For other staff, salaries will be determined on the basis of discussions between the host country and the UNIDO Secretariat."

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GC.6/Dec.13 ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The General Conference:

(a) Recalled its resolution GC.5/Res.10 and Industrial Development Board decisions IDB.13/Dec.21 and IDB.14/Dec.18;

(b) Took note of the recommendations contained in the annex to document IDB.13/15 and of the report by the Director-General (IDB.14/17);

(c) Endorsed the requests contained in Board decision IDB.14/Dec.18.

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GC.6/Dec.14 SPECIAL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO VOLUNTARY SEPARATIONS OF FIXED-TERM STAFF

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the information provided in chapter IV of document GC.6/32;

(b) Requested the Director-General that, in paying separation indemnities, he should be governed by the relevant staff regulations and rules;

(c) Approved, as a special measure in view of the circumstances and without constituting a precedent, the financial arrangements relating to voluntary separation of staff which may include the special arrangements to holders of fixed-term appointments to be financed from the separation indemnity reserve;

(d) Requested the Director-General that the measures referred to in paragraph (c) be implemented on a case-by-case basis and be guided by:

- Cost-effectiveness;
- Relevant observations and recommendations contained in the report of the External Auditor (IDB.13/7);

(e) Requested the Director-General to report to the Industrial Development Board at its fifteenth session on the implementation of the scheme of separation of personnel.

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GC.6/Dec.15 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

The General Conference,

(a) Recalled Industrial Development Board decision IDB.14/Dec.27;

(b) Took note of the report of the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (GC.6/32) containing information concerning the status of assessed contributions, advances to the Working Capital Fund, cash flow analyses and establishment of a separation indemnity reserve;

(c) Took note of the report by the Director-General in response to General Conference decision GC.5/Dec.19 on information on developments

concerning the unified conference service (GC.6/10) and the revised regular budget estimates for the biennium 1994-1995 arising from the transfer of the service;

(d) Urged those Member States that had not yet paid their assessed regular budget contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund, for the bienniums 1986-1987 to 1994-1995, to do so without delay;

(e) Decided to approve in relation with the programme and budgets for 1996-1997, and in view of the extraordinary prevailing circumstances and without constituting a precedent, the suspension of financial regulations 4.2(b) and (c), with respect to the unutilized balance of appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993, which had been paid in, as a credit for the sole purpose of partially funding the separation indemnity reserve;

(f) Requested the Director-General to report on the above on a regular basis to the policy-making organs.

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GC.6/Dec.16 WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of Industrial Development Board decision IDB.14/Dec.8 and document IDB/S.6/3 in which a revised level of the Fund was proposed for the 1996-1997 biennium;

(b) Decided that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the 1996-1997 biennium should be \$6,750,000 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund should remain the same as those for the 1994-1995 biennium, i.e., as stipulated in Conference decision GC.2/Dec.27, paragraph (b);

(c) Urged Member States to pay their outstanding assessed contributions as soon as possible to facilitate reimbursement to the Working Capital Fund.

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GC.6/Dec.17 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD 1996-1997

The General Conference decided to establish a scale of assessments for the regular budget expen-

ditures of UNIDO for the fiscal period 1996-1997 based on annex I to document IDB/S.6/1, which was based on General Assembly resolution 49/19B adjusted to the membership of UNIDO, and on the understanding that, in accordance with financial regulation 5.6, new Member States should be assessed for the year in which they become Members on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments as applicable to UNIDO.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.18 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to extend the current appointment of the President of the Federal Court of Audit of Germany as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1998, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO;

(b) Requested the Director-General, in future, to invite proposals from Member States for the appointment of an External Auditor and to submit such proposals to the Programme and Budget Committee for consideration.

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GC.6/Dec.19 UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

The General Conference:

(a) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 1996-1997:

Members: Mr. W. Buch (Germany)
Mr. S. O. Fatunla (Nigeria)

Alternate
Members: Mr. J. Pogány (Hungary)
Mr. L. Parodi Gambetti (Chile)

(b) Authorized the Industrial Development Board to proceed with the election for any of the above-mentioned posts that might become vacant before the General Conference holds its seventh session.

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GC.6/Dec.20 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIDO AND THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

The General Conference:

(a) Took note of the report of the Director-General (GC.6/29);

(b) Approved the headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria as contained in the annex to document GC.6/29;

(c) Authorized the Director-General to bring the new headquarters agreement into force in the manner provided in section 58 thereof.

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GC.6/Dec.21 COMPUTERIZATION PROGRAMME

The General Conference decided to rescind the mandatory reporting requirements in paragraphs (h) and (i) of decision GC.4/Dec.18.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Dec.22 DATE AND PLACE OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference decided that its seventh session should be held in Vienna from 1 to 5 December 1997.

*9th plenary meeting
8 December 1995*

RESOLUTIONS

GC.6/Res.1 UNIDO POLICY FRAMEWORK—
ORGANIZATIONAL AND STAFF
STRUCTURE

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolutions GC.5/Res.18 and GC.5/Res.20, as well as Industrial Development Board decision IDB.14/Dec.2,

Taking note with appreciation of the report by the Director-General on the UNIDO reform contained in documents GC.6/30 and Corr.1 and GC.6/30/Add.1,

Recognizing that the three main dimensions of focus of UNIDO services—thematic, sectoral and geographical—provide a useful framework and direction for the specialization of services provided by the Organization,

Having been convinced that progress has been made in implementing the reform process and focusing of UNIDO activities, which has been recently acknowledged and supported at various regional and global levels,

Expressing concern that the prevailing uncertainties with respect to the financial situation and cash availability can affect the completion of the reform process and the ability to deliver services,

1. *Commends* the Director-General and UNIDO staff for the efforts made so far to reform and progress towards a more efficient and leaner Organization by more clearly defining the priorities and the potential advantages,

2. *Supports* the role of UNIDO:

(a) To serve as a global forum to exchange information, analysis and advice on industrial policies and institutions within the field of development;

(b) To provide integrated services to Governments, institutions and enterprises in recipient countries for the design and implementation of industrial policies, the development of selected industrial subsectors, private sector development, the development and transfer of clean technologies, industrial partnerships and investments, and development of human resources in line with the identified priorities of the Organization;

(c) To function as a central coordinating agency within the United Nations system in the field of industry, for supporting the endeavours of developing countries to achieve sustainable development;

3. *Urges*, therefore, all Member States to meet their financial obligations without delay and to continue to extend to the revitalized UNIDO their political, financial and technical support, which is vital for the future work of the Organization and its reform process;

4. *Calls* for increased cooperation between all relevant United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions, especially for the provision of new and additional resources to support UNIDO services;

5. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To continue to implement the reform process, including the new structure of the Organization, on a coherent application of the identified priorities by further focusing the activities of UNIDO and to comply with the timetable presented in document GC.6/30 and Corr.1 and GC.6/30/Add.1;

(b) To pay due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution in the Secretariat within the context of the reform process, taking into account the provisions of Article 11, paragraph 5, of the Constitution;

(c) To keep Member States informed on the implementation of the reform and to report to the General Conference at its seventh session through the Industrial Development Board on the implementation of the present resolution.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Res.2 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANI-
ZATION FOR 1993 AND 1994

The General Conference,

Recalling General Conference resolutions GC.4/Res.2 and GC.5/Res.9,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in documents IDB.12/2, IDB.14/10, IDB.14/10/Add.1 and Corr.1 and IDB.14/10/Add.2 and Corr.1;

2. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To adapt, beginning with the Annual Report of UNIDO 1995, to be submitted to the Industrial Development Board at its sixteenth session, the Annual

Report into a consolidated report covering (i) new technical cooperation programmes, (ii) progress on current programmes and (iii) an assessment of completed programmes;

(b) To ensure that this Annual Report contains brief descriptions of projects and the envisaged source of funding for new projects as well as the technical assistance supplied either by UNIDO, external consultants or other cooperating agencies. Statistical analysis of the geographical distribution, of the sectoral and thematic context as well as of the size of the projects should also be included;

(c) To also include similar information concerning the promotional, networking, and industrial information services and the rest of the global forum functions as well as all other relevant information;

3. *Notes* that this new Annual Report will allow the discontinuing of the Industrial Development Board conference room paper with the list of technical cooperation projects approved and/or operational;

4. *Requests* the Director-General, in an effort to facilitate the reporting requirements of the Secretariat, to discontinue the publication of any other documents containing information that overlaps with the Annual Report.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Res.3 FIELD REPRESENTATION

The General Conference,

Recalling Industrial Development Board decision IDB.14/Dec.27,

Taking note of the report by the Director-General on UNIDO policy framework—Organizational and staff structure (GC.6/30),

Conscious of the uncertainty confronting UNIDO in respect of the level of financial resources available to fund the regular budget,

Considering the necessary adjustments that the financial situation will entail,

Also considering the importance of UNIDO field representation, in particular in the least developed countries,

Stressing the need to improve the quality of the field representation programme, taking into account the importance of achieving an appropriate degree of decentralization of the Organization,

1. *Urges* all Member States, on a voluntary basis, to make all possible efforts to increase contributions in support of this programme,

2. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To consider that the sustainability of a field representation programme could be secured only through the combination of financing from various sources, including the regular and operational budgets, the United Nations Development Programme, as well as donor and host country contributions;

(b) To improve the harmonization and simplification of procedures for UNIDO Country Director offices and the coordination between Headquarters and the field;

(c) To take into account, in the implementation of the UNIDO Country Director programme, the special needs of the least developed countries and the possibility of clustering the UNIDO field offices;

(d) To ensure UNIDO's cooperation to work for the effective planning and implementation of activities in the field within the United Nations system in consultation with the resident coordinator with a view to attaining a more unified field representation;

(e) To report to the next regular session of the Industrial Development Board.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Res.4 DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FOR INDUSTRY

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.5/Res.2 and Industrial Development Board decisions IDB.11/Dec.3 and IDB.13/Dec.3,

Taking note of the reports by the Director-General contained in documents GC.6/24 and GC.6/30,

Emphasizing the importance to be attached to the human dimension in development and in particular human resources development for industry,

Welcoming the increasing emphasis given to demand orientation and capacity-building in the human resources development activities of UNIDO, and *stressing* the necessity to make this the overriding principle,

1. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To more clearly define the human resources development concept of UNIDO so that the respective activities are focused within the seven thematic priorities for the next biennium;

(b) To prepare the necessary guidelines to further develop a comprehensive approach to human resources development activities to ensure that such activities become an integral part of a coherent programming approach to all UNIDO services;

(c) To enhance the role of human resources development for industrial growth and competitiveness and on building up efficient industrial support services;

(d) To strengthen industrial training institutions and associations in developing countries in general, and in Africa in particular, through the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources with a view to attaining a sharper focus of their activities within the new thematic focus of UNIDO;

(e) To initiate and enhance programmes of South-South cooperation in the field of human resources development, with a particular emphasis on specific technical, technological and managerial training;

2. *Further requests* the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Conference at its seventh session through the Industrial Development Board.

*9th plenary meeting
8 December 1995*

GC.6/Res.5 INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.5/Res.11 and Industrial Development Board decisions IDB.13/Dec.9 and IDB.14/Dec.4,

Taking note of the progress report of the Director-General on the integration of women in industrial development contained in document GC.6/5,

Reaffirming the renewed importance of the integration of women in industrial development in the context of the UNIDO response to the Platform for Action: Equality, Development and Peace, adopted at Beijing at the Fourth World Conference on Women in September 1995,

1. *Requests* the Director-General:

(a) To ensure that gender considerations are fully integrated into all the UNIDO themes, priorities

and programmes and to enhance the implementation of relevant activities to that end;

(b) To contribute to the implementation of the sections of the Platform for Action: Equality, Development and Peace, adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women, as relevant to UNIDO mandates and to develop a specific follow-up plan of action for UNIDO;

(c) To pursue and intensify coordination with other relevant United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations in this field;

(d) To secure, within existing resources, the necessary financing for the implementation of the above programmes;

2. *Encourages* Member States to continue to support the development of the programmes and activities for the full integration of women in industrial development;

3. *Further requests* the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Conference at its seventh session through the Industrial Development Board.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Res.6 ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The General Conference,

Recalling its resolution GC.5/Res.6 and *taking note* of the report of the Director-General as contained in document GC.6/28, particularly chapter IV relating to industrial and international environmental norms and standards,

Being aware that due to financial and technical limitations in developing countries, the application of various ecolabelling schemes in several countries within international markets may pose non-tariff barriers or marketing barriers to enterprises in developing countries,

Bearing in mind the various positive effects of ecolabelling such as enlightening and educational effects for environmental programmes of consumers, promotional effects for environmentally sustainable products, providing producers with incentives and environmental considerations as well as encouraging sustainable management of resources, while at the same time taking into account the cost-benefit analysis,

1. *Endorses* Board decision IDB.13/Dec.7;

2. *Further endorses* the priorities set out in document GC.6/28 and encourages Member States, in particular the donor countries, to increase funding of the priority programmes and projects identified in the same document;

3. *Requests* the Director-General to develop a suitable technical cooperation programme for the 1996-1997 biennium aiming to provide technical support to technical service institutions and standards bodies in developing countries so that they could effectively apply relevant ISO standards, including ISO 9000 and ISO 14000 series of standards;

4. *Takes note* of the serious concerns of developing countries that the introduction of environmental labelling in the international trade regime could have a negative impact on economic growth and industrial development and could shift an additional economic burden on developing countries that would be detrimental to their competitiveness and comparative advantage in trade;

5. *Requests* the Director-General, subject to future international agreement on ecolabelling requirements, and in close cooperation with the competent international bodies, in particular the World Trade Organization, to provide assistance to developing countries to enable them to support the necessary adjustment of national industrial production and related services to the internationally agreed requirements;

6. *Further requests* the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Conference at its seventh session through the Industrial Development Board.

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8 December 1995*

GC.6/Res.7 ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT: CLEANER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

The General Conference,

Taking note of the recommendations of the UNIDO Forum for Non-Governmental Organizations on Cleaner Industrial Production (Vienna, 30 November - 1 December 1995),

Further taking note of the UNIDO programme on cleaner industrial production,

1. *Requests* the Director-General to further develop the UNIDO programme on cleaner industrial production, and in particular:

(a) To expand the network of national cleaner production centres with the aim of regionalizing them, wherever possible, in Member States involving governmental and non-governmental organizations as partners according to their specific activities;

(b) To cooperate with international, regional and national governmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the programme;

(c) To act as a focal point within the United Nations system for the collection, management and dissemination of information on cleaner industrial production at the industrial plant level for the benefit of Governments as well as public and private institutions and enterprises;

2. *Further requests* the Director-General to explore all relevant multilateral financing systems to support cleaner industrial production;

3. *Urges* Member States and financial institutions to provide adequate funding for the UNIDO programme on cleaner industrial production through voluntary contributions to the Industrial Development Fund.

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GC.6/Res.8 INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

The General Conference,

Recalling the Paris Declaration and Programme of Action of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries as well as United Nations General Assembly resolutions 48/171 and 49/98,

Also recalling its resolutions GC.4/Res.9, GC.4/Res.10, GC.5/Res.20 containing the Yaoundé Declaration and in particular GC.5/Res.16,

Further recalling the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the results of the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-Term Global Review of the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, New York, 26 September to 6 October 1995,

Stressing the increasing role of the private sector in industrial development and the need to support sustainable private sector development and accelerated growth of industrial enterprises in least developed countries in UNIDO programmes and projects,

