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ON THE WORK OF ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION

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Introduction

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirteenth session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. The summary records of the Board (IDB.13/SR.1-8), where details of the proceedings are contained, form an integral part of the present report.

2. The following decisions of the Board, reproduced in annex I, are related to the work of the General Conference at its sixth session:

- IDB.13/Dec.3 Human resource development
- IDB.13/Dec.4 Development and transfer of technology
- IDB.13/Dec.5 Industrial rehabilitation and modernization

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IDB.13/Dec.6 Small- and medium-scale industries
IDB.13/Dec.7 Environment, energy and sustainable industrial development
IDB.13/Dec.23 Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria
IDB.13/Dec.25 Preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference

3. The thirteenth session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 7 to 11 November 1994 (8 plenary meetings – see IDB.13/SR.1-8).

1. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Participation

4. The following 52 of the 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

5. The following 37 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Afghanistan, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam and Yemen.

6. The Holy See participated as observer.

7. The permanent observer of Palestine also participated.

8. The following United Nations bodies were represented: United Nations Office at Vienna and United Nations Development Programme.

9. The following specialized agency was represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

10. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: Arab Union for Cement and Building Materials, Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, International Centre for Public Enterprises, International Organization for Migration, League of Arab States and Organization of African Unity.


Opening of the session

12. The thirteenth session of the Industrial Development Board was declared open by Mr. A. K. El Hussein (Sudan), President of the twelfth session.

Officers of the thirteenth session

13. In accordance with rule 23 of its rules of procedure, the officers of the Board were those elected at the commencement of the first regular session in 1994: Mr. A. K. El Hussein (Sudan) as President; Mr. R. O. Arcilla (Philippines), Mr. M. Wojtko (Poland), Mrs. F. O. Ok (Turkey) as Vice-Presidents; and Mr. E. Curia (Argentina) as Rapporteur.

Agenda for the thirteenth session

14. The Board adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the thirteenth session.
2. Adoption of the agenda for the thirteenth session.
3. UNIDO policy framework – organizational and staff structure.
4. Progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities, in particular:
   (a) Human resource development;
   (b) Development and transfer of technology;
   (c) Industrial rehabilitation and modernization;
   (d) Small- and medium-scale industries;
   (e) Environment, energy and sustainable industrial development;
   (f) Industrial investment promotion;
   (g) Integration of women in industrial development.

5. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
   (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
   (c) Medium-term plan, 1996-2001 (including implementation of resolution GC.5/Res.1);
   (d) UNIDO-administered funds;
   (i) Guidelines and procedures governing acceptance and funding;
(ii) Industrial Development Fund;
(iii) In-depth evaluation of special trust fund projects;
(e) UNIDO Country Director programme;
(f) Accounting standards;
(g) Electronic data-processing programme.

6. The external debt and industrial development.

7. Industrial development cooperation and consultations (including implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153).


10. Administrative matters:
(a) Joint Inspection Unit;
(b) International Civil Service Commission;
(c) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

11. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.

12. Preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference.

13. Home leave entitlements of staff serving in the UNIDO Secretariat.

14. Provisional agenda and date of the fourteenth session.

15. Adoption of the report of the thirteenth session.

16. Closure of the thirteenth session.

15. The Board adopted a proposal by the President to ensure the maximum utilization of available conference-servicing resources (see annex I, decision IDB.13/Dec.1).

16. The Board decided to set up informal, in-session consultations with the aim of facilitating the drafting of decisions and entrusted Mrs. F. Ok (Turkey), Vice-President, to chair those consultations (see IDB.13/SR.2, para. 1).

II. UNIDO POLICY FRAMEWORK - ORGANIZATIONAL AND STAFF STRUCTURE

17. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on UNIDO policy framework - organizational and staff structure (IDB.13/27 and Corr.1), a conference room paper containing a list of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat as of 1 November 1994 (IDB.13/CRP.1) and a statement of the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IDB.13/31). The debate on the item is reflected in summary records IDB.13/SR.1, paragraphs 3 to 5, 10 to 29 and 33 to 73, IDB.13/SR.2, paragraphs 5 to 82 and IDB.13/SR.3, paragraphs 1 to 45. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.27) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.2 (see annex I). For a statement made in connection with the adoption of the decision, see summary record IDB.13/SR.8, paragraphs 6 to 8.

III. PROGRESS REPORT FOR 1994 ON SPECIFIC UNIDO ACTIVITIES, THE EXTERNAL DEBT AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS (INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/153)

18. The Board decided to discuss simultaneously agenda item 4 (Progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities) with its sub-items (a) to (g), item 6 (The external debt and industrial development) and item 7 (Industrial development cooperation and consultations (including implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153)). The debate on the three agenda items is reflected in summary records IDB.13/SR.3, paragraphs 46 to 71, IDB.13/SR.4, paragraphs 1 to 107 and IDB.13/SR.5, paragraphs 1 to 79.

A. Human resource development

19. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12, chap. I). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.2) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.3 (see annex I).

B. Development and transfer of technology

20. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12, chap. II). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.4 (see annex I).

C. Industrial rehabilitation and modernization

21. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12, chap. III). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.4) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.5 (see annex I).

D. Small- and medium-scale industries

22. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12, chap. IV). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.5) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.6 (see annex I).

E. Environment, energy and sustainable industrial development

23. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12, chap. V). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.7 (see annex I).
F. Industrial investment promotion

24. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 (IOB.13/12, chap. VI) and a report on measures to improve and strengthen the UNIDO network of Investment Promotion Services offices (IOB.13/12/Add.1), submitted by the Director-General. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IOB.13/L.8) and adopted decision IOB.13/Dec.8 (see annex I).

G. Integration of women in industrial development

25. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IOB.13/12, chap. VII). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IOB.13/L.7) and adopted decision IOB.13/Dec.9 (see annex I).

H. Industrialization of the least developed countries

26. The Board had before it a progress report for 1994 submitted by the Director-General (IOB.13/12, chap. VIII).

I. The external debt and industrial development

27. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on the external debt and industrial development (IOB.13/13). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the progress report on the subject.

J. Industrial development cooperation and Consultations (including implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/152)

28. The Board had before it the Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (IOB.12/2, chap. IV, paras. 26-40), reports by the Director-General on Consultations held in 1993 and plan for technical cooperation follow-up activities (IOB.13/15), on industrial cooperation and Consultations (IOB.13/16) and on the involvement of UNIDO in the World Summit for Social Development (IOB.13/30) and a conference room paper containing a statement by the Director-General to the Second Committee of the United Nations General Assembly (IOB.13/CRP.3). The Board was also informed of a report submitted by the Director-General to the United Nations General Assembly on industrial development cooperation (A/49/347). The Board considered four draft decisions submitted by the President (IOB.13/L.9, IOB.13/L.10, IOB.13/L.11, IOB.13/L.12), and adopted decisions IOB.13/Dec.19, IOB.13/Dec.20, IOB.13/Dec.21 and IOB.13/Dec.22.

IV. REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE; HOME LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS OF STAFF SERVING IN THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT

29. The Board decided to discuss simultaneously agenda item 5 (Report of the Programme and Budget Committee) with its sub-items (a) to (g) and item 13 (Home leave entitlements of staff serving in the UNIDO Secretariat). The Board had before it the report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its tenth session (IOB.13/11) and the documents mentioned in sections A to H of the present chapter. The debate on the two agenda items is reflected in summary records IOB.13/SR.5, paragraphs 80 to 92, IOB.13/SR.6, paragraphs 1 to 115 and IOB.13/SR.7, paragraphs 1 to 55.


30. The Board had before it the financial performance report for the biennium 1992-1993 submitted by the Director-General (IOB.13/6), the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO and of the Industrial Development Fund for the financial period 1992-1993 ended 31 December 1993 (IOB.13/7) and the comments thereon by the Director-General (IOB.13/8), a report by the Director-General on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor for the financial period 1992-1993 (IOB.13/21), the Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (reflecting the programme performance report for the biennium 1992-1993) (IOB.12/2) and a statement of the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IOB.13/31). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IOB.13/L.13) and adopted decision IOB.13/Dec.10 (see annex I).

B. Financial situation of UNIDO

31. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IOB.13/22) updated in conference room paper IOB.13/CRP.4 and an addendum on the telephone system (IOB.13/22/Add.1), a report by the Director-General on the operational budget (IOB.13/28), a note by the Secretariat on losses related to small catering items (IOB.13/22) and a statement of the staff of UNIDO submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IOB.13/31). The Board considered three draft decisions submitted by the President (IOB.13/L.14, IOB.13/L.15 and IOB.13/L.17) and adopted decisions IOB.13/Dec.11, IOB.13/Dec.12 and IOB.13/Dec.13 (see annex I).

C. Medium-term plan, 1996-2001 (including implementation of resolution GC.57/Res.1)

32. The Board had before it proposals of the Director-General for the draft medium-term plan, 1996-2001; preview of the first biennium 1996-1997 and preliminary indicative general ceiling (IOB.13/10 and Add.1), a revision proposed by the Director-General of the draft medium-term plan, 1996-2001 (IOB.13/19) and a statement of the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IOB.13/31). The Board adopted decision IOB.13/Dec.14 (see para. 31 above). The Board further considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IOB.13/L.18) and adopted decision IOB.13/Dec.15 (see annex I).

D. UNIDO-administered funds

33. Guidelines and procedures governing acceptance and funding. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the preparation
of comprehensive policy guidelines for all projects funded from UNIDO-administered funds (IBD.13/9). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IBD.13/L.19) and adopted decision IBD.13/Dec.16 (see annex I).

34. Industrial Development Fund. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the estimated resource level and programme for 1995 and 1996 (IBD.13/4 and Corr.1) and information on the nature of projects financed from the Industrial Development Fund, contained in the Annual Report of UNIDO, 1993 (IBD.12/2, chap. III, paras. 90-96; appendix G). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IBD.13/L.20) and adopted decision IBD.13/Dec.17 (see annex I).

35. In-depth evaluation of special trust fund projects. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on the in-depth evaluation of special trust fund projects (IBD.13/24) and a committee room paper containing a note by the Director-General on the in-depth evaluation of special trust fund projects (IBD.13/CRP.6). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Director-General on the subject.

E. UNIDO Country Director programme

36. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the UNIDO Country Director programme (IBD.13/3), an addendum thereto containing proposals of the Director-General for a programme framework for field representation (IBD.13/3/Add.1) and a progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 94/7 (IBD.13/29). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IBD.13/L.21) and adopted decision IBD.13/Dec.18 (see annex I).

F. Accounting standards

37. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on accounting standards (IBD.13/5). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information contained in document IBD.13/5 on the new accounting standards in the United Nations system and their application by UNIDO and of conclusion 94/10 of the Programme and Budget Committee.

G. Electronic data-processing programme

38. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the electronic data-processing programme of UNIDO (IBD.13/20). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Director-General on the subject.

H. Home leave entitlements of staff serving in the UNIDO Secretariat

39. The Board had before it a note by the Director-General containing a proposal submitted by the Philippines on home leave entitlements of staff serving in the UNIDO Secretariat (IBD.13/25 and Add.1). A statement of the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IBD.13/31) and a conference room paper containing a note by the Secretariat on implementation of the home leave entitlements of staff serving in the UNIDO Secretariat (IBD.13/CRP.5). The Board considered a draft decision with an amendment submitted by the President (IBD.13/L.22) and adopted decision IBD.13/Dec.26 (see annex I).

V. JOINT UNITED NATIONS/UNIDO CONFERENCE SERVICES; HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIDO AND THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA; ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS; MATTERS RELATED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

40. The Board decided to discuss simultaneously agenda item 8 (Joint United Nations/UNIDO conference services), item 9 (Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria), item 10 (Administrative matters) with its sub-items (a) to (c), and item 11 (Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations). The debate on the four agenda items is reflected in a summary record IBD.13/SR.7, paragraphs 56 to 77.

A. Joint United Nations/UNIDO conference services

41. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on joint United Nations/UNIDO conference services (IBD.13/17) and a statement of the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IBD.13/31). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the subject.

B. Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria

42. The Board had before it a report of the Director-General on the Headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria (IBD.13/25) and a statement by the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IBD.13/31). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IBD.13/L.23), and adopted decision IBD.13/Dec.23 (see annex I).

C. Administrative matters

43. Joint Inspection Unit. The Board had before it a note by the Secretariat on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit in 1993 and first half of 1994 of relevance to UNIDO (IBD.13/23 and Add.1). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit and the views of UNIDO thereon as reported in those documents.

44. International Civil Service Commission; United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund. The Board had before it a note by the Secretariat on issues related to the United Nations common system and the United Nations pension system (IBD.13/18) and a statement of the staff of UNIDO, submitted by the President of the ninth Staff Council through the Director-General (IBD.13/31). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IBD.13/L.24) and adopted decision IBD.13/Dec.24 (see annex I).
D. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

45. At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by him (see summary record IDB.13/SR.7, paras. 56-57).

VI. PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

46. The Board had before it a note by the Secretariat on the preparation of the provisional agenda of the sixth session of the General Conference (IDB.13/14). The debate on the subject is reflected in summary record IDB.13/SR.7, paragraphs 78 to 89. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.25) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.25 (see annex I).

VII. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DATE OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

47. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.13/L.26) and adopted decision IDB.13/Dec.27 (see annex I).

VIII. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE THIRTEENTH SESSION

48. The Board considered the draft report (IDB.13/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.13/SR.8, paras. 71-73).

49. On 11 November, at 5.30 p.m., the Board closed its thirteenth session.
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IDB.13/Dec.1 UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE
CONFERENCE-SERVING RESOURCES

The Industrial Development Board, with the aim of utilizing the available conference-serving
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 thirteenth session only and
provided no substantive decisions were taken at those meetings.

1st plenary meeting
7 November 1994

IDB.13/Dec.2 UNIDO POLICY FRAMEWORK –
ORGANIZATIONAL AND STAFF
STRUCTURE

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolutions
GC.5/Res.18 and GC.5/Res.20;

(b) Reaffirmed its decision IDB.12/Dec.9, in particular paragraphs (e) and (f) with regard to
staff policy;

(c) Took note with interest of the information provided in the progress report of the
Director-General (IDB.13/27 and Corr.1);

(d) Reiterated its full support to the Organization and the Director-General in his
efforts to reinvigorate the Organization in order to fulfill its new mandate as set forth in the
Yaoundé Declaration (GC.5/Res.20);

(e) Further recalled that in any consideration of appointment for posts, inter alia those of
Managing Directors, due regard should also be paid to the importance of recruiting staff on a wide and
equitable geographical basis;

(f) Recognized that in many areas significant progress had been made in implementing the General
Conference resolutions referred to in paragraph (a) above;

(g) Also recognized that in some areas, owing to the fact that reform is a time-consuming and
still ongoing process, there remained a need to demonstrate in more concrete terms how the above
resolutions were being implemented;

(h) Commended the Director-General on his efforts in the area of staff development and
training and encouraged him to continue these efforts;

(i) Requested the Director-General to submit to the Industrial Development Board at its
fourteenth session a progress report on the implementation of the present decision, including
information on action taken in the context of UNIDO policy framework – organizational and staff structure, and proposals for
improving the programmes and strengthening the focus of the Organization in developing
countries.

8th plenary meeting
11 November 1994

IDB.13/Dec.3 HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled its decision IDB.11/Dec.3 and
General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.2 in which
human resource development, being of strategic
importance for the acceleration of industrial
development, is recognized as one of the
priorities of UNIDO;

(b) Took note of chapter I of the progress
report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities
submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12);

(c) Encouraged the Director-General to
continue efforts to develop appropriate working
arrangements with relevant international
organizations such as the International Labour
Organisation, the United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food
and Agriculture Organization of the United
Nations, in order to make optimum use of resources
and facilities through joint programmes and to
avoid duplication of efforts;

(d) Requested the Director-General to further
develop and strengthen the human resource develop-
ment activities of UNIDO, including in the
following areas:

(i) Increased utilization of training institu-
tions and technical and managerial
expertise in developing countries, inter alia,
through promotion of networking
arrangements between institutions in
developing countries;

(ii) Training of industrial manpower;

(iii) Enhancing national technical and
managerial capabilities in, inter alia,
technology transfer, national execution of
projects, industrial restructuring and
privatization, investment promotion,
environment protection and energy
conservation, small- and medium-scale
industries including rural industries;

(iv) Policy and advisory services;

(e) Also requested the Director-General to
continue to mobilize extrabudgetary resources in
support of human resource development activities;

(f) Finally requested the Director-General,
in his report to the General Conference at its
sixth session on the implementation of resolu-
tion GC.5/Res.2, to comment also on the imple-
mentation of the recommendations of the in-depth
evaluation of UNIDO human resource development
activities prepared by the UNIDO Evaluation Staff.

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IDB.13/Dec.4 DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution
GC.5/Res.3 as well as Board decision IDB.11/Dec.20;
(b) Took note of chapter II of the progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12);

(c) Requested the Director-General in the continued implementation of UNIDO activities on development and transfer of technology:

(i) To continue to promote and increase the flow of technology to developing countries on a fair basis, and in this regard facilitate the effective application of technology;

(ii) To strengthen and utilize indigenous scientific and technical capacities in developing countries through, *inter alia*, enhancing the UNIDO human resource development programme and promoting networking and collaborative arrangements;

(iii) To further enhance UNIDO activities in introducing and applying efficient technological management systems in public and private entities carrying out research in developing countries, *inter alia*, through support services as an instrument to increase industrial productivity and competitiveness;

(iv) To continue to monitor trends and developments in new and emerging technologies, and to continue his efforts in identifying opportunities and constraints in the access by developing countries to technology and the transfer of technology to those countries;

(v) To enhance efforts for promoting cooperation between developing countries and those with economies in transition in the field of transfer of technology;

(d) Further requested the Director-General to continue to seek ways of cooperating with the relevant agencies both within and outside the United Nations system in the field of development and transfer of industrial technology, with a view to avoiding duplication;

(e) Also requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present decision to the General Conference at its sixth session.

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IDB.13/Dec.5 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.4;

(b) Took note of chapter III of the progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12);

(c) Reaffirmed the increasing importance of industrial rehabilitation and modernization in accelerating sustainable industrial development in developing countries;

(d) Requested the Director-General, in implementing the revised UNIDO programme for industrial rehabilitation and modernization:

(i) To continue to cooperate with regional and other relevant organizations in assisting developing countries in their industrial rehabilitation and modernization, including privatization, and to develop joint programmes for industrial restructuring within the framework of cooperation agreements between UNIDO and such organizations;

(ii) To continue to mobilize resources from international financial institutions in support of activities under that programme;

(e) Further requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present decision to the General Conference at its sixth session.

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IDB.13/Dec.6 SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SCALE INDUSTRIES

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.5;

(b) Took note of chapter IV of the progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12);

(c) Emphasized the importance of small- and medium-scale industries for, *inter alia*, employment creation, rural industrialization, poverty alleviation and export growth, as well as their contribution to overall industrial growth and competitiveness, notably in the developing countries;

(d) Requested the Director-General to further develop the UNIDO small- and medium-scale industries programme as outlined in paragraphs 98 to 123 of document IDB.13/12;

(e) Further requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of the present decision to the General Conference at its sixth session.

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IDB.13/Dec.7 ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.6;

(b) Took note of the information provided in chapter V of the progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12);
(c) Commended the Director-General and his staff for their efforts to engage the Organization in the United Nations system-wide activities to follow up the requests of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and recommendations emanating from Agenda 21;

(d) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To make further efforts to utilize resources available under the Global Environment Facility and Capacity 21 for environment-related projects in developing countries;

(ii) To continue his efforts to increase the involvement of the Organization in the formulation and implementation of projects in developing countries under environmental treaties and conventions such as the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal;

(iii) To continue to enhance within the mandate of UNIDO the transfer of clean technologies for capacity-building purposes in ecologically sustainable industrial development and waste minimization in developing countries, and to identify their local capabilities;

(iv) To continue his efforts for improvement of capabilities in developing countries for collection and dissemination of industrial environment and energy information, particularly on environmental risks associated with industrial processes and technologies in developing countries;

(e) Further requested the Director-General to report on developments in that sector to the General Conference at its sixth session.

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IDB.13/Dec.8 INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.7;

(b) Took note of the information provided in chapter VI of the progress report for 1994 on specific UNIDO activities submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12 and Add.1);

(c) Further took note with satisfaction that due regard was being paid to the recommendations of the relevant in-depth evaluation in the investment promotion programme of UNIDO;

(d) Recognized the need to make, inter alia, arrangements with regard to various salary scales, and commitments related to financial and in-kind contributions, which should be subject to negotiations between the Government of the host country and UNIDO;

(e) Called on Member States to encourage investment flows to developing countries;

(f) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To promote and facilitate the establishment of Investment Promotion Service offices in developing countries, to be financed through extrabudgetary resources;

(ii) To further develop relevant investment-related activities of UNIDO, particularly investment forums both at the country and regional level, in order to further the industrial development of developing countries and also to promote international industrial investment cooperation and development;

(iii) To strengthen cooperation and coordination with international and financial institutions in order to strengthen industrial investment programmes in developing countries, and to attract new resources for that purpose;

(iv) To further facilitate the dissemination of information and data on the investment climate and industrial investment opportunities in developing countries to the industrial and financial sectors of developed and developing countries through, inter alia, improving links between the UNIDO World Investment Network Service, national focal points, and data networks;

(v) To continue efforts to mobilize additional extrabudgetary resources to support programmes for investment promotion and indigenous capacity-building for that purpose in countries with economies in transition;

(g) Further requested the Director-General to submit to the Industrial Development Board at its fourteenth session a report on the implementation of the present decision.

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IDB.13/Dec.9 INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.11;

(b) Took note of the pertinent sections of the progress report submitted by the Director-General (IDB.13/12, chap. VII) and the revised draft medium-term plan, 1996-2001 (IDB.13/19);

(c) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To further develop the role of UNIDO in providing advisory services in,
(f) Requested the Director-General to continue to make every effort to improve accountability and transparency in financial matters;

(g) Further requested the Director-General to report on the implementation of the above-mentioned request to the Industrial Development Board at its fifteenth session.

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IDB.13/Dec.11 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.13/22 and PBC.10/10 and Add.1) containing, inter alia, information concerning the status of assessed contributions to the regular budget, the operational budget, advances to the Working Capital Fund and a cash flow analysis for 1994 and 1995 and on the review of the required scope and content of the operational budget and of its relationship to the regular budget (IDB.13/28);

(b) Further took note of the revision to the nomenclature of the programmes and subprogrammes for the 1994-1995 biennium, as contained in document PBC.10/10;

(c) Expressed concern over the continued delay in payment of assessed contributions for prior years, and of advances to the Working Capital Fund, as well as the low rate of collection for 1994;

(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 1992-1993 and for 1994, to do so without delay;

(e) Supported the intention of the Director-General to make full and effective utilization of resources in the 1994-1996 biennium through reallocations to priority programmes and activities as described in paragraphs 18 to 23 of document IDB.13/22;

(f) Encouraged the Director-General to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Development Programme, as well as with major donors and international financial institutions, in order to increase voluntary contributions for strengthening the technical cooperation activities of UNIDO.

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IDB.13/Dec.12 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO: LOSSES RELATED TO SMALL CATERING ITEMS

The Industrial Development Board, upon recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee:

(a) Took note of the note by the Secretariat concerning losses of catering items (IDB.13/2);
(b) Approved, in accordance with financial rule 109.15 (a), the write-off of losses related to small items of the Vienna International Centre (VIC) Catering Service in the amounts described in paragraph 1 of document IDB.13/2, on the understanding that those losses would be covered from the self-amortizing commercial activities of the VIC Catering Service.

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IDA.13/Dec.13 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO: REPLACEMENT OF THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.13/22/Add.1, in particular of the compelling reasons contained therein to initiate a phased replacement of the telephone system in close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency during the 1994–1995 biennium;

(b) Decided to approve the reallocation of $1 million from major object of expenditure "general operating expenses" to "acquisition of equipment and furniture" within the 1994–1995 appropriations made under major programme 1200 (Administration), under the authority delegated to it in Article 9, paragraph 4 (e), of the Constitution of UNIDO.

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The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled and reaffirmed the provisions of the Yaoundé Declaration (GC.5/Res.20) renewing political and financial support for a revitalized UNIDO;

(b) Took note of the documents presented by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDA.13/22; IDB.13/28) and the medium-term plan, 1996–2001 (IDA.13/19);

(c) Considered that the services of UNIDO as outlined in the relevant sections of document IDB.13/19 were important programme directives to be taken into account while formulating the programme and budgets for 1996–1997;

(d) Observed with concern the difficult financial situation of UNIDO, which had been aggravated by the reduction in operational budget resources received from the United Nations Development Programme;

(e) Also considered that the achievement of UNIDO objectives and the proper and timely implementation of the medium-term plan were contingent largely on the availability and efficient use of financial resources;

(f) Requested the Director-General to prepare a study on the advantages and disadvantages of the 6 per cent figure set as a regular budget ceiling for technical cooperation activities, as well as of alternative arrangements, so that it could be considered by the Industrial Development Board at its fourteenth session, after examination by the Programme and Budget Committee at its eleventh session, taking into account paragraph (i) of the present decision;

(g) Recommended to the General Conference for the future to rename the "medium-term plan" the "medium-term programme framework", to reduce its coverage to four years, and decided to consider it at its fourteenth session;

(h) Stressed the desirability of the donor countries increasing the size of their contributions to the operational budget and specifying to the extent possible at the beginning of each biennium the share allocated to the general fund and that intended for specific programmes selected within the medium-term programme framework;

(i) Approved a ceiling for the regular budget for the biennium 1996–1997 representing zero real growth as compared with the biennium 1994–1995, without prejudice to appropriations to be adjusted according to financial regulation 5.2.

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The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled the importance of competitiveness of production for the sustainable and equitable industrialization and the constraints many developing countries have in achieving international competitiveness of their products, particularly regarding the small and medium-scale industries;

(b) Acknowledged the need to establish and strengthen the institutional network to support the private industrial sector;

(c) Encouraged Member States to give more support to private sector development and to establish a dialogue between government and private sector institutions;

(d) Requested the Director-General to pursue in that context a number of services that UNIDO could offer to developing countries, including:

(i) Advising Governments on industrialization strategies and policies directed towards creating an environment conducive to industrial growth and private sector development;

(ii) Lending support to building government capacities for formulating and implementing industrial strategies and policies, including privatization and restructuring programmes at the national or sectoral level;
(iii) Providing direct advice on and support to capacity-building in a broad range of institutions such as chambers of commerce, associations of industries, professional associations, as well as institutions providing resources to industry such as finance, technology, research and development, information, management and marketing.

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IDB.13/Dec.16 GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ACCEPTANCE AND FUNDING OF UNIDO-ADMINISTERED FUNDS

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled its decision IDB.12/Dec.5;

(b) Took note of document IDB.13/9 on comprehensive policy guidelines for all projects funded from UNIDO-administered funds, and of document IDB.13/24 on the in-depth evaluation of special trust fund projects;

(c) Requested the Director-General to encourage Member States to formalize joint bilateral arrangements with UNIDO in order to discuss relevant technical cooperation matters with the countries concerned.

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IDB.13/Dec.17 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled the Yaoundé Declaration (GC.5/Res.20) as well as General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.8 on the Industrial Development Fund;

(b) Took note of the report by the Director-General contained in document IDB.13/4;

(c) Endorsed the programming thrust for 1995 and 1996 proposed in chapter II of document IDB.13/4;

(d) Stressed the importance of consultations with recipient countries concerned in the formulation of country and regional support strategies and programming briefs;

(e) Encouraged the efforts of UNIDO in further developing, and applying to all its relevant services, the quality management system;

(f) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To continue efforts to further improve the programming framework and programming thrust mentioned above, in the light of the actual situation and in consultation with recipient and donor countries;

(ii) To make available to Member States, upon request, information on the results achieved in the area of resource mobilization, including information on the level and sectoral distribution of resources mobilized;

(g) Decided to delegate authority to the Director-General to approve projects for financing under the Fund in 1995 and 1996 in accordance with the priority areas of the applicable medium-term plan;

(h) In reiterating General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.8, encouraged Member States:

(i) To increase their Industrial Development Fund pledges to ensure that the desirable annual funding level of $50 million be reached as soon as possible;

(ii) To provide part of their contributions to the general-purpose convertible segment of the Fund so that a minimum annual level of $10 million may be achieved as soon as possible;

(iii) To consider providing umbrella contributions for financing preparatory assistance activities of large-scale projects and programmes and/or as freely programmable contributions towards selected medium-term programme frameworks.

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IDB.13/Dec.18 UNIDO COUNTRY DIRECTOR PROGRAMME

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled its decision IDB.12/Dec.11 and Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 94/7;

(b) Stressed the need for the Programme and Budget Committee at its eleventh session to recommend urgent and effective measures on the matter dealt with by the in-depth analysis and proposal of the Director-General.

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IDB.13/Dec.19 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference decision GC.5/Dec.10;

(b) Took note of the reports by the Director-General contained in documents IDB.13/15 and IDB.13/16;

(c) Further took note of the proposed consultations for the 1996–1997 biennium, as contained in chapter II.A of document IDB.13/16;
(d) Endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Consultations held during 1993, as contained in the annex to document IDB.13/15;

(e) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To continue efforts to achieve better integration of the consultations in the main activities of UNIDO;

(ii) To further develop mechanisms for systematic follow-up of the results of consultations and reporting thereon;

(iii) To explore possibilities of using electronic networks and questionnaires as a mechanism for consultations with expert advisory panels on selected sectoral issues;

(iv) To also explore ways of improving coordination with intergovernmental and professional bodies dealing with specific industrial sectors;

(f) Further requested the Director-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present decision to a future session of the Industrial Development Board.

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.5/Res.10;

(b) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To continue to implement resolution GC.5/Res.10;

(ii) To explore possibilities of strengthening economic and technical cooperation among developing countries (ECDC/TCDC) activities through appropriate interdepartmental groups of UNIDO;

(iii) To consider covering the theme of ECDC/TCDC in workshops, seminars and training activities for UNIDO staff in the units concerned.

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IDB.13/Dec.20 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report by the Director-General contained in document IDB.13/30;

(b) Stressed the important role of industrial development in achieving social development through alleviating poverty and meeting basic human needs, generating economic growth, employment and income;

(c) Requested the Director-General to continue his efforts for the contribution of UNIDO to and participation in the World Summit for Social Development;

(d) Further requested the Director-General to submit to the Board without delay his recommendations for follow-up action to the World Summit by UNIDO in its field of competence.

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IDB.13/Dec.21 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference decision GC.5/Dec.11;

(b) Took note of the report of the Director-General containing information concerning progress made in the negotiations

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IDB.13/Dec.22 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND CONSULTATIONS: WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled Articles 1 and 2 of the UNIDO Constitution and United Nations General Assembly resolution 46/196, which reaffirms the role of UNIDO as the coordinating organ in the United Nations system having primary responsibility for promoting and accelerating industrial development and the transfer of technology to developing countries;

(b) Also recalled General Assembly resolution 47/153, in which the Assembly expresses its conviction that, in order to promote the industrial development of developing countries, their indigenous capabilities in such areas as entrepreneurship, management, technology, financing, and marketing need to be built up or strengthened, and that technical and financial assistance in support of the national efforts of developing countries would need to be extended for that purpose;

(c) Recommended to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in considering industrial development cooperation, to take into account the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of UNIDO at its fifth session (cf. GC.5/INF.4) in particular resolutions GC.5/Res.20 in which the Yaoundé Declaration is adopted and GC.5/Res.12 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.

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IDB.13/Dec.23 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIDO AND THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference decision GC.5/Dec.11;
of the headquarters agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria (IDB.13/26);

(c) Requested the Director-General to pursue the negotiations on the headquarters agreement with the Government of Austria with a view to concluding it as soon as possible;

(d) Further requested the Director-General to submit a report on the headquarters agreement concluded between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria to the Industrial Development Board for appropriate endorsement and report thereon to the General Conference.

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IDB.13/Dec.24 ISSUES RELATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS COMMON SYSTEM AND THE UNITED NATIONS PENSION SYSTEM

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in the note by the Secretariat (IDB.13/18), in particular regarding resolutions 47/216, 48/224 and 48/225 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly;

(b) Noted the amendments made, in pursuance of staff regulation 13.3, to schedules I and III and annexes I and II to the Staff Regulations of UNIDO in order to bring them into conformity with the decisions of the General Assembly set out in its resolutions 47/216 and 48/224;

(c) Also noted the amendments to appendices A and C to the UNIDO Staff Rules as reflected in paragraphs 11 and 15 of document IDB.13/18;

(d) Noted the information on pension matters contained in chapter IV of document IDB.13/18.

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IDB.13/Dec.25 PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the proposals contained in document IDB.13/14;

(b) Considered that further efforts should be made to simplify and consolidate the agenda for the sixth session of the General Conference and related matters;

(c) Requested the President of the Industrial Development Board to conduct informal consultations on preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference and to report on the results thereof to the Board at its next session.

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IDB.13/Dec.26 HOME LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS OF STAFF SERVING IN THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled its decision IDB.12/Dec.4, in which the Director-General was requested, within the framework of overall cost-cutting efforts, to review the current arrangements for implementing the system of home leave entitlements of UNIDO staff;

(b) Took note with appreciation of the views expressed by the Secretariat as contained in document IDB.13/CRP.5;

(c) Requested the Director-General, in consultation with the Staff Council, to introduce, and inform the Member States of, cost-saving measures that should become effective not later than 1 January 1995, as mentioned in paragraph 27 of IDB.13/CRP.5.

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IDB.13/Dec.27 PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DATE OF THE FOURTEENTH SESSION

The Industrial Development Board decided:

(a) To reconsider the dates referred to in its decision IDB.12/Dec.14, paragraph (a), and to reschedule its fourteenth session to 26 to 30 June 1995;

(b) To adopt the following provisional agenda for its fourteenth session:

1. Opening of the fourteenth session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda for the fourteenth session.
4. UNIDO policy framework - organizational and staff structure.
5. Annual report of the Director-General for 1994 on the activities of the Organization, including progress report on specific activities.
7. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
   (a) Scale of assessments;
   (b) Interim financial performance report and programme performance report;
   (c) Programme and budgets, 1996-1997;
   (d) Working Capital Fund;
   (e) Appointment of External Auditor;
(f) Electronic data-processing programme;

(g) Financial situation of UNIDO;

(h) Industrial Development Fund;

(i) UNIDO Country Director programme.


9. The regional dimension:

(a) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

(b) Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries, including technical assistance to the Palestinian people;

(c) Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific;

(d) Regional Cooperation Programme for the Industrial Recovery of Latin America and the Caribbean.

10. Industrial cooperation and consultations (including economic and technical cooperation among developing countries and implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/153).

11. Operational activities for development. (General Assembly resolution 47/199, para. 51)

12. Industrial investment promotion.

13. Personnel matters:

(a) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(b) Women in the Secretariat.


15. Administrative matters:

[sub-items as required]

(a) Joint Inspection Unit;

(b) ...

16. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.

17. Preparations for the sixth session of the General Conference.

18. Provisional agenda and date of the fifteenth session.

19. Adoption of the report of the fourteenth session.

20. Closure of the fourteenth session.

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