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Implementation of decision IDB.36/Dec.16 on UNIDO activities in agro-related industries and agribusiness

Report of the President of the Industrial Development Board (H.E. Mr. J. S. Ugokwe, Nigeria)

1. At its thirty-sixth session the Board adopted decision IDB.36/Dec.16, in which it requested that open-ended informal consultations on UNIDO's activities in agro-related industries and agribusiness be conducted by the President in cooperation with the Secretariat with a view to facilitating an in-depth discussion of the subject at the thirteenth session of the General Conference.
2. In the same decision, the Board requested substantive information, taking into account the relevant requests reflected in discussions and statements at the thirty-sixth session of the Board. In compliance with decision IDB.36/Dec.16, a first informal consultation was conducted on 11 September 2009, at which the Secretariat presented a clear and systematic response to statements that had been made by Member States at the thirty-sixth session of the Board. The ensuing deliberations also took into account the way forward as included in the Secretariat's presentation.
3. At the second informal consultation on 27 October 2009, discussions continued and a number of comments were made by Member States regarding the relationship between technology transfer and development. These consultations also featured the launch of the book *Agro-industries for development*, a co-publication by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and UNIDO.

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