Industrial Development Board
Thirty-seventh session
Vienna, 10-12 May 2010
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Opening of the session

The thirty-seventh session of the Board will be opened by the Acting President of the Board, H. E. Mr. Helmut Böck.

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the thirty-seventh session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List B of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States in List A and the States included in Lists C and D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the African States included in List A.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.36/Dec.18 and updated to reflect mandates of the General Conference, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.37/1.
Furthermore, at its meeting of 28 January 2010 the Bureau of the Board agreed to extend the session from 11-12 May (two-day session) to a three-day session from 10-12 May 2010.

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.37/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.37/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.37/CRP.1)

Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General for 2009 on the activities of the Organization

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11. At the request of the Board in decision IDB.23/Dec.12, annual reports include information on operational activities for developments arising from relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions, including the comprehensive policy review, which will change from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle in 2013, in accordance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/232. In compliance with resolution GC.10/Res.5, Member States are kept informed in the annual report of UNIDO’s role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Annual Report of UNIDO 2009 covers information on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, particularly with reference to its activities in support of achieving the MDGs in its three thematic priorities, and to specific accomplishments in improving the overall approach of the United Nations system’s development cooperation in support of national development priorities and strategies, and national capacity-building.

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual Report of UNIDO 2009 (including programme performance report) (IDB.37/2)

Item 4. Cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and UNIDO's field representation

In General Conference resolution GC.13/Res.7, the Director-General was requested, inter alia, to conclude an appropriate operational and administrative arrangement with UNDP in 2010, consistent with the findings and recommendations of the joint terminal evaluation and taking into account the requirements of Member
States. In compliance with resolution GC.13/Res.7, the Director-General will report to the Board at its thirty-seventh session on the follow-up to the resolution.

The Board will thus have before it:

- Cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and UNIDO’s field representation. Final report by the Director-General (IDB.37/6)

**Item 5. Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO’s contributions**

At its thirteenth session the General Conference adopted resolution GC.13/Res.6 on the crucial role of the productive sectors in supporting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and requested the Director-General to report on specific means through which UNIDO can further contribute to the achievement of the MDGs to the thirty-seventh session of the Board before the 2010 high-level plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Board will thus have before it:

- Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO’s contributions. Report by the Director-General (IDB.37/4)

**Item 6. Financial situation of UNIDO**

The following regular reports on the financial situation will also include information on the amounts of unutilized balances of appropriations and other contributions, which were retained or received in line with General Conference decision GC.13/Dec.15:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.37/7)
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.37/CRP.2)

**Item 7. Financial Regulations of UNIDO**

In General Conference resolution GC.13/Res.1, the Industrial Development Board was requested to explore at its thirty-seventh session the possibility of reconvening an informal open-ended working group on the Financial Regulations of UNIDO. Member States expressed their views on the subject during the thirteenth session of the General Conference (summary records GC.13/SR.8 and GC.13/C.1/SR.2, SR3, SR.4 and SR.5 refer).

**Item 8. Activities of the Evaluation Group**

By decision IDB.29/Dec.7, the Board requested the Secretariat to report on evaluation activities on a biennial basis.

The Board will have before it:

- Activities of the Evaluation Group. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.37/5)
Item 9. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the pilot scheme of follow-up to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director-General (IDB.37/3)

Item 10. Multilingualism

At its thirteenth session the General Conference adopted resolution GC.13/Res.4 on multilingualism at UNIDO and requested the Director-General to present to the Board at its thirty-seventh session a progress report on the implementation of the resolution.

The Board will have before it:

- Multilingualism. Report by the Director-General (IDB.37/9)

Item 11. Personnel matters

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.37/8)
- Composition of the Secretariat and personnel-related information, Annual Report 2009 (IDB.37/2, appendix K)
- List of UNIDO staff (IDB.37/CRP.3)

Item 12. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.
Furthermore, the Secretariat presented a comprehensive review of the status of cooperation between UNIDO and the various intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations to the thirteenth session of the General Conference (GC.13/11). The information contained in that report will be updated. The Board may wish to provide guidance on the subject, based upon the guidelines (GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 20 (b)), which foresee that “the Board may in reviewing the list conclude that an organization in consultative status, which has not shown interest and goodwill in cooperating with UNIDO during a period of three years, may be deemed not to have sufficient interest to warrant the continuance of such a relationship”.

The Board will have before it:

- Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.37/11)

**Item 13. Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference**

At its thirteenth session, the General Conference noted that the fourteenth session had been tentatively scheduled for 28 November to 2 December 2011 in Vienna but also acknowledged the expression of interest by Indonesia to host the fourteenth session of the Conference (decision GC.13/Dec.20). The Conference requested the Director-General to undertake the necessary consultations with that Member State, with particular regard to rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference. Furthermore, the Conference delegated to the Board, in accordance with Article 8 (2) (b) and Article 8 (4) of the Constitution of UNIDO, the authority to consider and determine at its thirty-seventh session the venue and date of the fourteenth session of the General Conference.

The Board will have before it:

- Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director-General (IDB.37/10)

**Item 14. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session**

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.37/CRP.4)

**Item 15. Adoption of the report**

In accordance with rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.