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### Report by the Director-General

In compliance with General Conference decision GC.13/Dec.20, the present document reports on the consultations of the Director-General with the Government of Indonesia, in response to the expression of interest by that country in hosting the fourteenth session of the General Conference.

1. In compliance with rule 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference, regular sessions of the Conference are held at the seat of the Organization, unless otherwise determined by the Conference. At its thirteenth session, the Conference adopted decision GC.13/Dec.20 on the date and place of the fourteenth session. That decision noted that the fourteenth session of the Conference had been tentatively scheduled to take place in Vienna from 28 November to 2 December 2011. However, the Conference also acknowledged the expression of interest by Indonesia in hosting the fourteenth session.

2. The decision adopted by the Conference requested the Director-General to undertake the necessary consultations with Indonesia, with particular regard to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. It is noted that rule 8 stipulates that "the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved in holding a session away from the seat of the Organization shall be borne by the host Government".

3. The Conference also delegated to the Industrial Development 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.

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4. In accordance with the decision of the Conference, the Secretariat has maintained regular contact with representatives of the Indonesian Government. This included a series of meetings and detailed discussions which took place during the week of the thirteenth session of the General Conference in December 2009, between the Secretariat and representatives of the Government of Indonesia, focusing on the requirements for holding a General Conference away from Headquarters. Subsequently, regular contact has been maintained with representatives of the Government of Indonesia.

5. In a letter to the Director-General dated 23 December 2009, the Minister of Industry of Indonesia, indicated that his Government would “feel highly honoured if Indonesia could serve as the host.” The Minister also signified that he would consult with “respective ministries and state institutions.” In a subsequent letter to the Director-General dated 11 February 2010, the Minister indicated the Government was waiting “for the President’s approval” before confirming whether Indonesia could host the fourteenth session of the General Conference in Bali. At the time of writing and finalizing this report, there had been no formal confirmation from the Government of Indonesia on this matter. However, should there be further developments in this regard, Member States will be informed accordingly.

**Action required of the Board**

6. The Board is invited to take note of the information contained in the present document when deciding on the date and place of the fourteenth session of the Conference.

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