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Note by the Director-General

The present document provides an update on the status of cooperation between UNIDO and international non-governmental organizations.

I. Review of status of cooperation with international non-governmental organizations

1. The Secretariat presented to the General Conference, at its thirteenth session, a document reviewing the status of cooperation between UNIDO and intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations (GC.13/11). In that document, the Director-General reported that a questionnaire had been circulated to 141 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) having consultative status with UNIDO, to which 27 had responded, 22 of which indicating their wish to continue cooperating with UNIDO. Despite failing to respond to the questionnaire, a further 19 have demonstrated their interest in continuing to cooperate with UNIDO in the past three years: 17 by participating in sessions of the governing bodies of UNIDO and two by concluding a working arrangement with UNIDO. A number of the 95 remaining NGOs that failed to respond were found to be inactive or could no longer be traced.

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2. Decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 20 (b) on the review of consultative status of NGOs foresees 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”. This information was conveyed to NGOs in the letter accompanying the questionnaire, sent in 2009.

3. Other United Nations system organizations have similar provisions, which foresee the termination of their relations with NGOs in the absence of cooperation for a certain period: for example, in the case of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), a complete absence of collaboration between UNESCO and an organization maintaining formal relations with UNESCO for a period of four years results in the automatic termination of those relations.

II. Follow-up review of status of cooperation with international non-governmental organizations

4. In April 2010, the Secretariat informed those NGOs that had not replied or expressed interest in pursuing their cooperation with UNIDO in 2009 of the possible consequences of a prolonged lapse in collaboration, as described in paragraph 20 (b) of the Guidelines, and invited them to notify the Secretariat in writing should they wish to maintain their consultative status with the Organization.

5. Information on the outcome of this second review will be provided to the Board in an addendum to the present document.

III. Action required of the Board

6. The Board may wish to consider suspending the consultative status of those NGOs not showing interest in continuing their relationship with UNIDO.
