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Introduction

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its thirty-seventh session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. The summary records of the Board (IDB.37/SR.1-5), where the details of the proceedings are contained, form an integral part of the present report.

2. The following decision of the Board, reproduced in annex I, is related to the work of the General Conference at its fourteenth session:

IDB.37/Dec.3 Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference.

I. Organizational and procedural matters

3. The thirty-seventh session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 10 to 12 May 2010 (5 plenary meetings — see IDB.37/SR.1-5).

Participation

4. All 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Algeria, Angola, Austria, Belgium, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Zimbabwe.

5. The following 50 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen.

6. The Holy See participated as observer.

7. Palestine participated as observer.

8. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta participated as observer.

9. The following United Nations body was represented: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

10. The following United Nations specialized agencies and related organizations were represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

11. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: European Union (EU), International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE), International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), League of Arab States (LAS).

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts (AFIDE), Austrian Senior Experts Pool (ASEP), Global Options and Linkages (GOAL), Institut Supérieur de Gestion (ISG), International Alliance of Women (IAW), International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE), International Council of Women (ICW), International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization (IMSCO), Mountain Unlimited, Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC), Society for International Development (SID), Soroptimist International (SI).

Opening of the session

13. The thirty-seventh session of the Board was declared open by the Acting President of the thirty-sixth session, H.E. Mr. H. Böck (Austria).

Officers of the session

14. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, the Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. H. Böck (Austria) as President, H.E. Mr. A. García Revilla (Peru), H.E. Mr. Y. Kazykhanov (Kazakhstan) and Ms. A. Leśnodorska (Poland) as Vice-Presidents, and Mr. M. Bukheet (Sudan) as Rapporteur.

Agenda of the session

15. The Board adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Annual report of the Director-General for 2009 on the activities of the Organization.
4. Cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and UNIDO's field representation.
5. Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO's contributions.
6. Financial situation of UNIDO.
7. Financial Regulations of UNIDO.
8. Activities of the Evaluation Group.

9. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
 10. Multilingualism.
 11. Personnel matters.
 12. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
 13. Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference.
 14. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session.
 15. Adoption of the report.
16. The Board adopted a proposal by the President to ensure the maximum utilization of available conference-servicing resources (see annex I, decision IDB.37/Dec.1, IDB.37/SR.1, paras. 58 and 59).
17. The Board decided to set up informal in-session consultations with the aim of facilitating the drafting of decisions and entrusted Vice-President H.E. Mr. A. García Revilla (Peru) to chair those consultations (see IDB.37/SR.2, paras. 6 and 7).

II. Annual report of the Director-General for 2009 on the activities of the Organization (item 3)

18. Under item 3, the Board had before it the Annual Report of UNIDO 2009, including the programme performance report (IDB.37/2) and a note by the Secretariat entitled “Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal: status as of 30 April 2010” (IDB.37/CRP.5). The debate on this item is reflected in summary records IDB.37/SR.1, paras. 60 to 108, summary record IDB.37/SR.2, paras. 8 to 70 and summary record IDB.37/SR.3, paras. 1 to 26. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 9 to 11).

III. Cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and UNIDO’s field representation (item 4)

19. Under item 4, the Board had before it the final report by the Director-General on cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and UNIDO’s field representation (IDB.37/6) and updated information on UNIDO’s field representation (IDB.37/6/Add.1). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.3, paras. 27 to 50. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 12 and 13).

IV. Financial situation of UNIDO (item 6); Financial Regulations of UNIDO (item 7)

20. The Board decided to discuss simultaneously items 6 and 7. The debate on these items is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.3, paras. 51 to 61.

A. Financial situation of UNIDO (item 6)

21. Under item 6, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.37/7) and a conference room paper with updated information on the status of assessed contributions (IDB.37/CRP.2*). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.37/L.2) and adopted decision IDB.37/Dec.2 (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 16 and 17) (see annex I).

B. Financial Regulations of UNIDO (item 7)

22. Under item 7, the Board took note of the entry contained in the annotated agenda on this item (IDB.37/1/Add.1) (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 18 and 19).

V. Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference (item 13)

23. Under item 13, the Board had before it two reports by the Director-General on date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference (IDB.37/10 and Add.1). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.3, paras. 62 and 63. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.37/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.37/Dec.3 (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 34 and 35) (see annex I).

VI. Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO's contributions (item 5)

24. Under item 5, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO's contributions (IDB.37/4). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.3, paras. 64 to 99. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 14 and 15).

VII. Activities of the Evaluation Group (item 8)

25. Under item 8, the Board had before it a note by the Secretariat on activities of the Evaluation Group (IDB.37/5). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.4, paras. 1 to 15. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.37/L.4) and adopted decision IDB.37/Dec.4 (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 20 to 23) (see annex I).

VIII. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (item 9)

26. Under item 9, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (IDB.37/3). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.4, paras. 16 to 26. At the proposal of the

President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 24 and 25).

IX. Multilingualism (item 10)

27. Under item 10, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on multilingualism (IDB.37/9). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.4, paras. 27 to 30. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 26 and 27).

X. Personnel matters (item 11)

28. Under item 11, the Board had before it a report by the Director-General on personnel matters (IDB.37/8), information on the composition of the Secretariat and personnel-related matters, as contained in the Annual Report of UNIDO 2009 (IDB.37/2, appendix K) and a conference room paper entitled "List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat" (IDB.37/CRP.3). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.4, paras. 31 to 36. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.37/L.5) and adopted decision IDB.37/Dec.5 (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 28 and 29) (see annex I).

XI. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations (item 12)

29. Under item 12, the Board had before it three notes by the Director-General and one note by the Secretariat on matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations (IDB.37/11 and Add.1), information on intergovernmental organizations (IDB.37/12) and a draft agreement between UNIDO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (IDB.37/13). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.37/SR.4, paras. 37 to 44. The Board considered two draft decisions submitted by the President (IDB.37/L.7 and IDB.37/L.8) and adopted decisions IDB.37/Dec.6 and IDB.37/Dec.7 (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 30 to 33) (see annex I).

XII. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session (item 14)

30. Under item 14, the Board had before it a note by the Director-General on the provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session (IDB.37/CRP.4). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.37/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.37/Dec.8 (IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 36 to 40) (see annex I).

XIII. Adoption of the report (item 15)

31. Under item 15, the Board considered the draft report (IDB.37/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.37/SR.5, paras. 41 to 43).

XIV. Closure of the session

32. On 12 May 2010, at 12:20 p.m., the Board closed its thirty-seventh session (see IDB.37/SR.5, paras. 44 to 46).

Annex I

Decisions adopted by the Board at its thirty-seventh session

IDB.37/Dec.1 Utilization of available conference-servicing resources

The Industrial Development Board, with the aim of utilizing the available conference-servicing 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 thirty-seventh session only, provided no substantive decisions were taken at these meetings.

*1st plenary meeting
10 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.2 Financial situation of UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

- (a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.37/7;
- (b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that had not yet paid their assessed contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund and prior years' arrears, to do so without delay;
- (c) Requested the Director-General to pursue his efforts and contacts with Member States and former Member States to effect the collection of arrears.

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.3 Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference

The Industrial Development Board:

- (a) Recalled rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference stating that regular sessions of the General Conference shall be held at the seat of the Organization, unless otherwise determined by the Conference;
- (b) Took note of the information contained in documents IDB.37/10 and Add.1;
- (c) Decided to hold the fourteenth session of the General Conference in Vienna from 28 November to 2 December 2011, in accordance with decision GC.13/Dec.20.

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.4 Activities of the Evaluation Group

The Industrial Development Board:

- (a) Recalled its decisions IDB.29/Dec.7 and IDB.34/Dec.3;
- (b) Reiterated its support to the evaluation function for accountability, learning and contribution to organizational change and improvement;

(c) Requested that evaluation of results take place at the outcome and impact levels of the implementation of UNIDO projects;

(d) Encouraged the incorporation of performance information and the dissemination of lessons learned into management and strategic planning processes, especially within the framework of the Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal.

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.5 Personnel matters

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.37/8;

(b) Noted the amendments made to Schedule I of the staff regulations in order to bring them into conformity with the decision of the General Assembly set out in resolution 64/231;

(c) Further noted the amendment to appendix A to the staff rules.

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.6 Draft agreement between UNIDO and the World Intellectual Property Organization

The Industrial Development Board decided to approve the draft agreement between UNIDO and the World Intellectual Property Organization as contained in the annex to document IDB.37/13.

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.7 Relationship agreements with intergovernmental organizations

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.37/12;

(b) Authorized the Director-General, in accordance with Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution and the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, para. 9) and on the basis of the information contained in the annex to document IDB.37/12, to conclude an appropriate relationship agreement with the following intergovernmental organization:

International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR).

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

IDB.37/Dec.8 Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.37/CRP.4;

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- (b) Decided to approve the following provisional agenda for its thirty-eighth session:
1. Adoption of the agenda.
 2. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
 - (a) Report of the External Auditor, financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 2008-2009;
 - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
 - (c) Unutilized balances of appropriations: Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal (change management initiative) and technical cooperation activities;
 - (d) Accounting standards;
 - (e) Mobilization of financial resources.
 3. Multilingualism.
 4. Progress report on regional programmes, including:
 - (a) Regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (b) Regional programme for Africa;
 - (c) Arab regional programme; and
 - (d) Other regional programmes.
 5. Aligning the medium-term programme framework reporting cycle with the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.
 6. Decentralization and UNIDO field representation.
 7. UNIDO contributions to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
 8. UNIDO support in fostering local pharmaceutical industry in developing countries, with special regard to essential health products.
 9. UNIDO activities in the field of energy and environment.
 10. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
 11. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-ninth session.
 12. Adoption of the report.
- (c) Decided to hold its thirty-eighth session from 24 to 26 November 2010.

*5th plenary meeting
12 May 2010*

Annex II

Documents submitted to the Board at its thirty-seventh session

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title</i>
IDB.37/1	2	Provisional agenda
IDB.37/1/Add.1	2	Annotated provisional agenda
IDB.37/2	3	<i>Annual Report of UNIDO 2009</i>
IDB.37/3	9	Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/4	5	Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO's contributions. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/5	8	Activities of the Evaluation Group. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.37/6	4	Cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and UNIDO's field representation. Final report by the Director-General
IDB.37/6/Add.1*	4	UNIDO's field representation. Addendum
IDB.37/7	6	Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/8	11	Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/9	10	Multilingualism. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/10	13	Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/10/Add.1	13	Date and place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference. Addendum. Report by the Director-General
IDB.37/11	12	Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. Note by the Director-General
IDB.37/11/Add.1	12	Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. Addendum. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.37/12	12	Information on intergovernmental organizations. Note by the Director-General
IDB.37/13	12	Draft agreement between UNIDO and the World Intellectual Property Organization. Note by the Director-General
Conference room papers		
IDB.37/CRP.1	2	List of documents
IDB.37/CRP.2*	6	Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title</i>
IDB.37/CRP.3	11	List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat. Submitted by the Secretariat
IDB.37/CRP.4	14	Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-eighth session. Note by the Director-General
IDB.37/CRP.5	3	Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal: status as of 30 April 2010. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.37/CRP.6*	-	List of participants

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