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of its fortieth and forty-first regular sessions

Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of  
its forty-first session  
(24-26 June 2013)

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Introduction

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-first session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. The summary records of the Board (IDB.41/SR.1-IDB.41/SR.5), where the details of the proceedings are contained, form an integral part of the present report.

2. The following decisions of the Board, reproduced in annex I, are related to the work of the General Conference at its fifteenth session:

   - IDB.41/Dec.4 High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries
   - IDB.41/Dec.5 Preparations for the fifteenth session of the General Conference
   - IDB.41/Dec.9 Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2014-2015
   - IDB.41/Dec.11 Financial regulations
   - IDB.41/Dec.13 Medium-term programme framework
   - IDB.41/Dec.14 Informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO
   - IDB.41/Dec.15 Personnel matters

I. Organizational and procedural matters

3. The forty-first session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 24 to 26 June 2013 (five plenary meetings — see IDB.41/SR.1-IDB.41/SR.5).

Participation

4. All 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Algeria, Angola, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

5. The following 53 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Afghanistan, Argentina, Armenia, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Israel, Jordan, Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic,
Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Yemen.

6. The Holy See participated as an observer.

7. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta participated as an observer.

8. The following United Nations related organization was represented: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

9. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), European Union (EU) and League of Arab States (LAS).

10. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts (AFIDE), Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC), Global Options and Linkages (GOAL), International Council of Women (ICW), International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization (IMSCO), International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) and Mountain Unlimited.

**Opening of the session**

11. The forty-first session of the Board was declared open by the President of the fortieth session, H.E. Mr. B. Csuday (Hungary).

**Officers of the session**

12. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, the Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. A. García Revilla (Peru) as President, H.E. Mr. A.L.A. Azeez (Sri Lanka), Mr. A. Groff (Switzerland) and H.E. Ms. T. G. Mutandiro (Zimbabwe) as Vice-Presidents, and Mr. S. Sizov (Russian Federation) as Rapporteur.

**Agenda of the session**

13. The Board adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.


4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
   (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2012;
   (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
(c) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2014-2015;
(d) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015;
(e) Mobilization of financial resources;
(f) Appointment of an External Auditor;
(g) Strengthening UNIDO programmes through unutilized balances of appropriations;
(h) Financial regulations.

7. Informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO.
8. UNIDO activities in environment and energy.
9. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
11. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
12. Recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director General.
13. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the General Conference.
14. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-second session.
15. Adoption of the report.

14. The Board adopted a proposal by the President to ensure the maximum utilization of available conference-servicing resources (see annex I, decision IDB.41/Dec.1, IDB.41/SR.1, paras. 81 and 82).

15. The Board decided to set up informal in-session consultations with the aim of facilitating the drafting of decisions and entrusted Vice-President Mr. A. Groff (Switzerland) to chair those consultations (see IDB.41/SR.2, paras. 1 and 2).

II. Recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director General (item 12)

16. Under item 12, the Board had before it two notes by the Secretariat containing candidates for the post of Director General (IDB.41/21 and Add.1) and a note by the Secretariat containing a draft contract for appointment of the Director General (IDB.41/22). The public debate is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.1, para. 83 and IDB.41/SR.2, paras. 3 to 38. The Board considered two draft decisions orally submitted by the President and adopted decisions IDB.41/Dec.2 and IDB.41/Dec.3 (see annex I).
III. Annual Report of the Director General for 2012 (item 3)

17. Under item 3, the Board had before it the Annual Report of UNIDO 2012 (including the programme performance report) (IDB.41/2), a report by the Chair of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee (IDB.41/CRP.5) and a note by the Secretariat entitled “High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries, San José, Costa Rica, 12 to 14 June 2013” (IDB.41/CRP.6). The debate on this item is reflected in summary records IDB.41/SR.2, paras. 39 to 109, and IDB.41/SR.3, paras. 1 to 11. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.14) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.4 (see annex I).

IV. Preparations for the fifteenth session of the General Conference (item 13)

18. Under item 13, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on preparations for the fifteenth session of the General Conference (IDB.41/23). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.3, paras. 12 to 30. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.11) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.5 (see annex I) as orally amended.

V. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (items 4 (a) to (h))

19. Under item 4, including sub-items (a) to (h), the Board had before it the report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its twenty-ninth session (IDB.41/25). The debate on this item is reflected in summary records IDB.41/SR.2, paras. 110 to 113 and IDB.41/SR.3, paras. 31 to 72.


20. Under sub-item 4 (a), the Board had before it the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2012 (IDB.41/3). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.15) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.6 (see annex I).

B. Financial situation of UNIDO

21. Under sub-item 4 (b), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.41/4), a note by the Director General on a request from Costa Rica for restoration of voting rights based on a payment plan (IDB.41/26) and a note by the Secretariat on the status of assessed contributions (IDB.41/CRP.2). The Board considered two draft decisions submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.2 and IDB.41/L.4) and adopted decisions IDB.41/Dec.7 and IDB.41/Dec.8 (see annex I).
C. Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2014-2015

22. Under sub-item 4 (c), the Board had before it a revised note by the Secretariat on the scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2014-2015 (IDB.41/6/Rev.1). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.5) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.9 (see annex I).

D. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015

23. Under sub-item 4 (d), the Board had before it the proposals of the Director General on the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 (IDB.41/7). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.10 (see annex I).

E. Mobilization of financial resources

24. Under sub-item 4 (e), the Board had before it information on the mobilization of financial resources contained in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2012* (IDB.41/2) and on projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2012 (PBC.29/CRP.2). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.41/SR.5, paras. 20 and 21).

F. Appointment of an External Auditor

25. Under sub-item 4 (f), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor (IDB.41/15) and a note by the Secretariat on the same subject (PBC.29/CRP.3). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.41/SR.5, paras. 22 and 23).

G. Strengthening UNIDO programmes through unutilized balances of appropriations

26. Under sub-item 4 (g), the Board had before it reports by the Director General on the Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal (IDB.41/9), on the trust fund on food security (IDB.41/10*), on the trust fund on renewable energy (IDB.41/11), and on unutilized balances of appropriations (IDB.41/12). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.41/SR.5, paras. 24 and 25).

H. Financial regulations

27. Under sub-item 4 (h), the Board had before it a note by the Secretariat on the Financial Regulations of UNIDO (IDB.41/14). The Board considered a
draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.7) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.11 (see annex I).

VI. Programme and budgets, 2014-2015 (item 5)

28. Under item 5, the Board had before it proposals and revised proposals of the Director General for the programme and budgets, 2014-2015 (IDB.41/5 and Add.1). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.3, paras. 73 to 101. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.8) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.12 (see annex I).

VII. Medium-term programme framework (item 6)

29. Under item 6, the Board had before it a proposal by the Director General on the medium-term programme framework (IDB.41/8). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.3, paras. 102 to 108. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.9) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.13 (see annex I).

VIII. Informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO (item 7)

30. Under item 7, the Board had before it the third interim report and the final report of the Co-Chairs of the informal working group (IDB.41/13 and IDB.41/24). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.4, paras. 1 to 10. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.13) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.14 (see annex I).

IX. UNIDO activities in environment and energy (item 8)

31. Under item 8, the Board had before it reports by the Director General on UNIDO activities related to environment (IDB.41/18) and UNIDO activities related to energy (IDB.41/17). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.4, paras. 11 to 29. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.41/SR.5, paras. 34 and 35).

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

32. Under item 9, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (IDB.41/16). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.4, paras. 30 to 34. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided (IDB.41/SR.5, paras. 36 and 37).
XI. Personnel matters (item 10)

33. Under item 10, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on personnel matters (IDB.41/19), information contained in appendix J of the Annual Report of UNIDO 2012 on the composition of UNIDO staff at Headquarters and other established offices (IDB.41/2), and a list of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat as of 1 June 2013 (IDB.41/CRP.3). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.4, paras. 35 to 46. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.10) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.15 (see annex I).

XII. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations (item 11)

34. Under item 11, the Board had before it a note by the Director General on applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status (IDB.41/20). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.4, paras. 47 to 51. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.16 (see annex I).

XIII. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-second session (item 14)

35. Under item 14, the Board had before it a note by the Director General on the provisional agenda and date of the forty-second session (IDB.41/CRP.4). The debate on this item is reflected in summary record IDB.41/SR.4, para. 52. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.41/L.12) and adopted decision IDB.41/Dec.17 (see annex I).

XIV. Adoption of the report (item 15)

36. Under item 15, the Board considered the draft report (IDB.41/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.41/SR.5, paras. 46 to 48).

XV. Closure of the session

37. On 26 June 2013, at 3.50 p.m., the Board closed its forty-first session (see summary record IDB.41/SR.5, paras. 49 to 55).
Annex I

Decisions adopted by the Board at its forty-first session

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IDB.41/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 forty-first session only, provided no substantive decisions were taken at those meetings.

1st plenary meeting
24 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.2  Appointment of the Director General

The Industrial Development Board, acting in accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, decided to recommend to the General Conference the appointment of Mr. Li Yong as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 28 June 2013 or until the Director General to be appointed at the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

2nd plenary meeting
24 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.3  Terms and conditions of appointment of the Director General

The Industrial Development Board, further to its decision IDB.41/Dec.2, and acting in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference, decided to recommend to the Conference for approval the contract annexed to the present decision, which establishes the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director General, including the salary and emoluments attached to the office.

2nd plenary meeting
24 June 2013

Annex

CONTRACT FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

THIS CONTRACT is made
between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) for the one part
and Li Yong (hereinafter called the Director General) for the other part.

WHEREAS

The Director General, upon recommendation of the Board, has been duly appointed by the Conference at the first plenary meeting of its second special session held on 28 June 2013.
IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Term of Office

The Director General shall be appointed for a period of four years from the twenty-eighth day of June two thousand thirteen (2013), or until the Director General to be appointed at the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

2. Official Duty Station

The official duty station for the Director General shall be Vienna, Austria.

3. Official Duties

In accordance with Article 11 of the Constitution of the Organization, the Director General shall be the chief administrative officer of the Organization.

4. Privileges and Immunities

The Director General shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities in keeping with his office as determined by the Constitution of the Organization, Article 21, and any relevant legal instruments already in force or to be concluded in the future.

5. Staff Regulations

The Director General shall be subject to the Staff Regulations of the Organization, together with such amendments as may be made thereto, in so far as they are applicable to him.

6. Assessable Salary and Allowances

(a) The annual gross salary of the Director General shall be US dollars two hundred and thirty-two thousand eight hundred fifty-nine (232,859), corresponding to an annual net base salary equivalent to US dollars one hundred and seventy-six thousand five hundred and one (176,501) (dependency rate) or US dollars one hundred and fifty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty-four (156,964) (single rate) respectively. The gross and net base salary shall be adjusted whenever the General Assembly decides to adjust the gross and net base salary levels of staff in the Professional and higher categories;

(b) He shall receive post adjustment, allowances and benefits, including social security benefits, for which a staff member in the Professional category of the UNIDO Secretariat would be eligible under the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules of the Organization, provided the purpose of such emolument, allowance or benefit has not already been met by other provisions of the present contract;

(c) The Director General shall receive a representation allowance of Euros thirty-four thousand and four hundred (34,400) per annum, adjusted for the budgeted annual inflation rate in successive years, to meet his share of the obligations which the Organization incurs in the form of representation and hospitality expenditure;

(d) He shall receive a housing allowance amounting to Euros fifty-four thousand and one hundred (54,100) per annum adjusted for the budgeted annual inflation rate in successive years;
(e) The above salary, allowances and benefits to which the Director General is entitled under this agreement shall be subject to adjustment by the Board, after consultations with the Director General, to keep them in line with those of the executive heads of other specialized agencies within the common system of the United Nations.

7. Pension Arrangements

The Director General shall participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in accordance with the provisions of decision IDB.10/Dec. 17 (d) of the Industrial Development Board. His pensionable remuneration shall be determined and adjusted in accordance with the provisions of articles 54 (c) and (b) of the regulations and rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

8. Currency of payments

Payments will be effected in the currency applicable to staff in the Professional and higher categories serving at the official duty station Vienna, Austria.

9. Notice of Resignation

The Director General may at any time give three months’ notice of resignation in writing to the Board, which is authorized to accept his resignation on behalf of the General Conference, in which case, upon expiration of such period of notice, he shall cease to be Director General of the Organization and this contract shall terminate.

10. Entry into force

This contract shall enter into force as of the 28th day of June 2013.

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(Diego Stacey Moreno) (LI Yong)
President of the Conference acting on behalf of the Organization
Director General

IDB.41/Dec.4 High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 63/223, 64/208 and 66/212 on cooperation with middle-income countries, resolution 67/225 on industrial development cooperation, and resolution 66/288 entitled “The future we want”;

(b) Also recalled General Conference resolution GC.14/Res.2 and Board decision IDB.40/Dec.2 on knowledge networking and knowledge-sharing;

(c) Took note of the High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries “Challenges for Sustainable Development and International Cooperation in Middle-Income Countries: The Role of Networks for Prosperity” organized by the Government of Costa Rica, facilitated by UNIDO and held in San José from 12 to 14 June 2013;
(d) Also took note of the “San José Declaration” adopted by the High-Level Conference (IDB.41/CRP.6) and contained in the annex to the present decision;

(e) Invited the Director General to take into account the San José Declaration when formulating and implementing the work programme of the Organization;

(f) Invited the General Conference at its fifteenth session to take note of the San José Declaration when formulating the proposed Lima Declaration.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

Annex

HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE OF MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

Challenges for Sustainable Development and International Cooperation in Middle-Income Countries: The Role of Networks for Prosperity

San José, Costa Rica, 12-14 June 2013

DECLARATION

We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegation of countries participating in the High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries on Challenges for Sustainable Development and International Cooperation in Middle-Income Countries: The Role of Networks for Prosperity in San José, Costa Rica, on 12-14 June 2013,

Recalling the outcomes of the United Nations major international conferences and summits on development cooperation with middle-income countries held in Madrid on 1-2 March 2007, San Salvador on 3-4 October 2007 and Windhoek on 4-6 August 2008,

Further recalling the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions, including resolutions 63/223, 64/208 and 66/212 on the cooperation with middle-income countries and resolution 67/225 on industrial development cooperation,

Recalling also the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and General Assembly resolution 66/288 entitled “The future we want”,

Further recalling resolution GC.14/Res.2 of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on knowledge networking and knowledge-sharing and decision IDB.40/Dec.2 of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on knowledge networking and knowledge-sharing,

Having also considered the regional conferences on “Increasing the competitiveness of African middle-income countries”, held in Cairo on 11-12 March 2008, and on “Middle-Income Countries Perspective on Sustainable Development in CIS, Eastern and Southern Europe”, held in Minsk on 16-17 May 2013,
Taking note of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization report “Networks for Prosperity: Connecting Development Knowledge beyond 2015”, launched in November 2012, and taking further note of the report’s focus on the importance of South-South Cooperation and network governance among middle-income countries in economic development processes,

Reiterating the importance of international knowledge networking and the exchange of experiences and best practices for the achievement of local, regional and international development goals and prosperity, particularly for middle-income countries,


Also taking note of the Green Industry Platform of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which has the potential to advance sustainable development through multi-stakeholder processes and to offer an effective instrument for strengthening sustainable industrial development, particularly in middle-income countries,

Recognizing the importance of industrial development that contributes to sustainable development and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals to achieve sustained prosperity for all,

Emphasizing the importance of better addressing issues related to industrial development in the framework of the global development agenda,

Being cognizant of the efforts in the United Nations in developing the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and of the need for continued follow-up on matters pertaining to the development of the middle-income countries,

Recognizing that, in the context of the three dimensions of sustainable development, energy, including access to, efficiency of, and new and renewable sources of energy, plays an important role,

Taking note of the reports A/64/253 and A/66/220 of the Secretary-General to the United Nations General Assembly on “Development cooperation with middle-income countries”,

Recognizing that the group of middle-income countries consist of a wide range of diverse countries, which have made a contribution to international economic stability, while still facing specific challenges and needs in the context of sustainable development, respectively, in the economic, social and environmental areas,

Emphasizing that middle-income countries should have a greater voice and a more effective participation in the global decision-making processes, including through intensified international cooperation with and among middle-income countries,
Reaffirming that middle-income countries have primary responsibility for their own development, and that their national efforts should be adequately supported by the international community with cooperation programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of middle-income countries, including the continuity of their eligibility to have access to financing for development, while taking into account their specific national needs and priorities.

Acknowledging that statistical averages based only on criteria such as per capita income do not reflect the actual particularities and development needs of middle-income countries, and recognizing that this type of classification fails to recognize the diversity among and within middle-income countries and disregards the multidimensional nature of development, and that these criteria fail to measure factors such as, unequal distribution of income, quality of life and the servicing of basic needs,

Highlighting that development cooperation strategies for middle-income countries, should be adapted to each particular context and help to preserve and sustain their economic, environmental and social achievements, and that such cooperation should not come at the expense of aid to least developed countries,

Recalling the need for a comprehensive, resource-oriented action plan on cooperation with middle-income countries, as called for in the Windhoek Ministerial Declaration on Development Cooperation with Middle-Income Countries, adopted on 6 August 2008,

Taking note of the important contribution of the Human Development Report as a relevant effort to address development needs beyond macro-economic indicators,

Further recognizing that international aid plays a major role in financing the development of developing countries, including middle-income countries, and that the effectiveness of any development cooperation activity should therefore be measured in terms of complementarity and supportiveness to national development strategies, priorities and interests, the additionality of knowledge and networks provided, and the increase in local capacity to mobilize additional and non-traditional resources or to attract other sources of investment,

Recalling the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held in 2009, and thus reaffirming our view of South-South cooperation as a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries of the South that contributes to their national well-being, national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Further recalling that South-South cooperation and its agenda have to be set by countries of the South and should continue to be guided by the principles of respect for national sovereignty, national ownership and independence, equality, non-conditionality, non-interference in domestic affairs, mutual benefit, complementarity, and solidarity,

Highlighting the positive role played by middle-income countries in advancing South-South cooperation, and underlining the importance of the United Nations system in promoting and supporting South-South and triangular cooperation,
Recognizing the efforts undertaken by the United Nations system in South-South and triangular cooperation, and the need to increase and enhance these efforts, including existing platforms and networks within the framework of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, such as the Industrial Knowledge Bank,

Recognizing further that the significant diversity of middle-income countries requires individualized responses of the United Nations system to specific country needs and national priorities,

Taking into consideration that economic and industrial development cooperation is at the core of any middle-income country development strategy and is crucial to achieve inclusive and sustainable development,

Highlighting the key role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in advancing industrial development cooperation and sustainable development through services linked to industrial policy and strategy, institutional capacity development and enterprise level piloting,

Welcoming the initiative of the Government of Costa Rica to host the High-level Conference of Middle-income Countries in 2013, and recognizing the efforts and support provided by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in facilitating the Conference,

1. Agree to promote international and national measures and cooperation that advance the following fields of mutual interest (a) Inclusive and equitable economic growth and prosperity at national and international levels, (b) Industrial advancement in the framework of sustainable development, (c) Finance and investment in middle-income countries;

2. Highlight that eradicating poverty is the greatest challenge facing the world today and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, and in this regard are committed to free humanity from poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency;

3. Request the United Nations to develop a more robust and comprehensive conceptual framework regarding the current diversity among developing countries, that shall preserve the continuity of the current modalities of multilateral development cooperation to those countries and which should include, inter alia, equity, human development, industrialization, economic development, and environmental sustainability;

4. Emphasize that middle-income countries have made progress in education, health and social programmes, and such efforts require a higher commitment and need to be supported by the international community in order to sustain those achievements through the promotion of new and specialized international cooperation mechanisms for middle-income countries;

5. Reaffirm that international trade is an engine for development and sustained economic growth, and also reaffirm the critical role that a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system, as well as meaningful trade liberalization, can play in stimulating economic growth and development worldwide, thereby benefiting all countries at all stages of development;
6. **Call for** a successful, balanced, ambitious, comprehensive, inclusive, transparent and development-oriented outcome of the World Trade Organization Doha Development Round, in accordance with its mandate, aiming, inter alia, at resisting protectionism in all of its forms, enhancing market access for middle-income countries, and ensuring that special and differential treatment of developing countries is operational and effective, and in this context, call for a facilitated accession of middle-income countries that have not yet done so to the World Trade Organization, taking into account their development, trade and financial needs;

7. **Recognize** the need to achieve sustainable development by promoting lasting, inclusive and equitable economic growth that contributes to the eradication of poverty, fosters social development, and creates greater opportunities for all;

8. **Call on** all countries to prevent, mitigate and adapt to the adverse effects of climate change under the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities, while stressing that developed countries have played a large role in climate change;

9. **Emphasize** the key role of public-private partnerships and knowledge networking as an effective instrument for middle-income and other countries in meeting the sustainability challenges of public and private sector development, which should be taken into account in the elaboration of the post-2015 development framework;

10. **Recognize** the important role the United Nations development system can play in the context of South-South cooperation, and further recognize the important contribution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the above-mentioned fields;

11. **Recognize** that knowledge networks on sustainability may be necessary but not sufficient, and stress that such networks need to be action-oriented, responsive to new and emerging challenges to development, and should find creative solutions for financing such action;

12. **Recognize further** the importance of the discussions and efforts generated within the various regional integration initiatives that constitute a complementary space where new proposals emerge to promote sustainable development from the South;

13. **Recognize** that a robust industrial transformation of economies of middle-income countries that contributes to sustainable development is one of the important tools in the achievement of internationally-agreed development goals, particularly poverty eradication, and in that context request the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase its efforts in supporting middle-income countries in adopting sustainable industrial development practices, including the provision of data and analytical inputs in these areas and the establishment of a special financial facility for middle-income countries in the framework of platforms, including the Green Industry Platform, to facilitate respective knowledge and governance networks, in order to mitigate the environmental impact and promote a quantitative leap with regard to the value added to products and companies;
14. *Recall* that most middle-income countries remain highly vulnerable to external shocks and in this regard underscore that regional integration processes among middle-income countries have the potential to offer alternatives to protect these countries from the effects of these shocks;

15. *Recognize* the importance of international cooperation in the fulfilment of internationally-agreed development goals, as well as the importance of strengthening South-South and triangular cooperation as a complementary mechanism to find innovative ways to support development priorities as a supplementary engine for development of middle-income countries, including through peer learning, knowledge experience and technology sharing, and emphasize the critical importance of reflecting this in the context of the post-2015 development framework;

16. *Recognize* that middle-income countries need models of cooperation that best suit their development priorities and enhance their productive capacities, including through support to small and medium-sized enterprises and entrepreneurs, better access to financing for development, environmentally-friendly technology and capacity-building;

17. *Further request* the United Nations in general, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in particular, to promote the implementation of commitments of Official Development Assistance, and consider to establish strategic multi-sector alliances, including with private sector entities, that foster mechanisms of joint financing for comprehensive development programmes;

18. *Emphasize* the importance of ensuring access to finance especially for small and medium-sized enterprises and other industrial development actors in the context of industrial development efforts, further recognize that enhanced linkages between finance and productive activities can ensure sustainable industrial development beyond public programmes, request the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to bring these issues to the current international discussion on access to finance, while recognizing that enhanced support and increased financing and investment flows to middle income countries are pivotal to their economic growth and competitiveness, private sector development and integration into the global economy;

19. *Reiterate* the importance of linking, without conditionalities, financing, technology, capacity-building and national needs for sustainable development;

20. *Stress in this context* that grant-funded support plays a critical role in improving access to finance for industrial development through working closely with financial institutions and developing inclusive financial markets;

21. *Further request* the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to address access to finance issues, especially for micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises and other industrial development actors, including micro-industries and other forms of economic organizations, such as those that are popular- and solidarity-based, and support implementing sustainable mechanisms, including replenishment of multilateral development banks, to encourage financial institutions to expand their businesses for such non-traditional clients;
22. **Request** the United Nations development system, in particular the funds and programmes, as well as the regional commissions, to consider this Declaration in order to reflect the views of the middle-income countries, in particular, African countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, in their future programme decisions, including in the context of the elaborations of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda;

23. **Request** the United Nations system, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in particular, to support and promote thematic dialogues related to the findings and outcomes of the Conference, focused on inclusive and equitable economic growth and prosperity, industrial advancement in the framework of sustainable development and financing for sustainable economic development, working towards a compact for sustainable development according to General Assembly resolution 66/288 entitled “The future we want”, and other relevant United Nations documents;

24. **Further request** the United Nations system, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in particular, to follow the implementation of this Declaration and to report on its progress on a regular basis;

25. **Also request** the United Nations system, and in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to explore ways for the implementation of financial mechanisms that can lever up the policies and specific instruments of cooperation for middle-income countries;

26. **Call for** the establishment of a comprehensive resource-oriented United Nations Action Plan on cooperation with middle-income countries, that will address, inter alia, the needs of middle-income countries in the context of sustainable development and of the post-2015 development agenda, including the views of all stakeholders such as member States and regional and international organizations;

27. **Recognize** that establishing a United Nations system coordination mechanism on cooperation with middle-income countries will serve to streamline and improve United Nations system-wide activities related to cooperation with and among middle-income countries;

28. **Encourage** the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other relevant organizations to actively participate in such a mechanism through their comparative advantages stemming from their mandates;

29. **Decide** to review the implementation of this declaration, as well as of other documents adopted at the ministerial conferences on middle-income countries, in particular the “Windhoek Ministerial Declaration on Development Cooperation with Middle-Income Countries”, during a further conference of middle-income countries in 2016 and welcome offers to host this Conference in 2016;

30. **Reiterate** our support to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a vehicle for industrial development and as a key partner for developing and middle-income countries in their efforts to achieve economic development goals;

31. **Underscore** that timely follow-up and implementation of this Declaration will be crucial for its effectiveness, and request the Government of Costa Rica to
coordinate such follow-up in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other relevant international organizations.

*Adopted in San José on 14 June 2013*

**IDB.41/Dec.5  Preparations for the fifteenth session of the General Conference**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.41/23;

(b) Adopted the following agenda for the fifteenth session of the General Conference:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference.
6. Elections to organs:
   (a) Industrial Development Board;
   (b) Programme and Budget Committee.
8. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fortieth and forty-first regular sessions.
10. Financial matters:
    (a) Scale of assessments of Member States;
    (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
    (c) Working Capital Fund;
    (d) Financial regulations;
    (e) Appointment of an External Auditor.
13. Outcome document of the informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO, entitled “Strategic Guidance Document”.
15. UNIDO activities related to energy and the environment.
16. UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation.

17. UNIDO activities related to the Vienna Ministerial Declaration and Plan of Action of the Least Developed Countries and to cooperation with middle-income countries.

18. Report on the work of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee in UNIDO.

19. Personnel matters, including UNIDO Staff Pension Committee.

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

21. Date and place of the sixteenth session.

22. Closure of the session.

(c) Agreed to hold a forum on industrial development issues within the framework of the General Conference (provisional agenda, item 9);

(d) Recommended to the Conference that items 7 to 21 of the provisional agenda be allocated to a main committee of the Conference;

(e) Recommended that, in the light of experience gained in the preparation of previous sessions of the Conference, the President of the forty-first session of the Industrial Development Board conduct informal consultations for the preparation of the fifteenth session of the Conference;

(f) Urged Member States to submit to the informal consultations any proposed draft decisions or resolutions by 11 November 2013.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013


The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2012, including the financial performance report, as contained in document IDB.41/3;

(b) Also took note of the statements of the Director General and the External Auditor made at the twenty-ninth session of the Programme and Budget Committee;

(c) Expressed its gratitude to the External Auditor for the valuable services rendered by him;

(d) Recognized the important contribution the External Auditor had made to the improvement of UNIDO’s management, operations and performance through his recommendations;

(e) Requested the Director General to continue implementing the recommendations of the External Auditor and to report thereon to the Industrial Development Board at its forty-second session.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013
IDB.41/Dec.7  Restoration of voting rights — Costa Rica

The Industrial Development Board:
(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.41/26;
(b) Also took note of the regular payment of instalments in line with the conditions of the payment plan as approved by the General Conference in decision GC.14/Dec.8, and encouraged Costa Rica to continue paying regularly its instalments;
(c) At the request of Costa Rica, decided to restore its voting rights at the Industrial Development Board in accordance with Article 5.2 of the UNIDO Constitution;
(d) Recommended to the General Conference to consider positively the restoration of voting rights of Costa Rica in accordance with Article 5.2 of the Constitution.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.8  Financial situation of UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:
(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.41/4;
(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;
(d) Also requested the Director General to continue his efforts to ensure that current Member States sustain their support to the Organization.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.9  Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2014-2015

The Industrial Development Board:
(a) Took note of document IDB.41/6/Rev.1;
(b) Recommended to the General Conference the establishment of a scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2014-2015 based on United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/238, adjusted to the membership of UNIDO, on the understanding that new members shall be assessed for the year in which they become members on the basis of the United Nations scale of assessments, as applicable to UNIDO;
(c) Urged Member States to pay their assessed contributions for the 2014-2015 biennium in accordance with financial regulation 5.5 (b), which states that contributions and advances shall be due and payable in full within thirty days of
the receipt of the communication of the Director General, or as of the first day of
the financial year to which it relates, whichever is later;

(d) Called on Member States and former Member States that were in arrears
to fulfil their constitutional obligations by paying their outstanding assessed
contributions in full and without conditions as soon as possible, or to take advantage
of payment plans to settle their arrears, in accordance with previous decisions by the
policymaking organs of UNIDO.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013


The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of document IDB.41/7;

(b) Recommended to the General Conference that the level of the Working
Capital Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the
authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2014-2015 should remain the
same as for the biennium 2012-2013, i.e. as stipulated in decision GC.2/Dec.27,
paragraph (b);

(c) Urged Member States to pay their outstanding assessed contributions as
soon as possible to minimize the need to withdraw sums from the Working Capital
Fund to meet shortfalls in the payment of assessed contributions.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.11 Financial regulations

The Industrial Development Board recommended to the General Conference
the adoption of the following draft decision:

“The General Conference:

(a) Takes note of the information contained in document IDB.41/14,
including the proposed amendment to the financial regulations deemed necessary
for compliance with the schedule of regular sessions of the policymaking organs;

(b) Also takes note of the recommendation of the Industrial Development
Board in decision IDB.41/Dec.11;

(c) Decides to adopt the amendment to the Financial Regulations of UNIDO
as set out in the annex to document IDB.41/14.”

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013


The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Adopted the programme and budgets for the biennium 2014-2015, as
contained in documents IDB.41/5 and Add.1;
(b) Recommended to the General Conference the approval of estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €147,251,013 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €143,743,513 and other income of €3,507,500;

(c) Also recommended to the General Conference the approval of estimates of gross expenditures totalling €32,819,400 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2014-2015 to be financed from voluntary contributions in the amount of €32,765,600 and other income amounting to €53,800 as may be provided for in the financial regulations;

(d) Recalled decision IDB.39/Dec. 7 and acknowledged that upon the announced departure of any Member State, the Organization’s regular budget shall be readjusted so as not to increase the assessed contributions of remaining Member States;

(e) Stressed that any additional expenditure incurred during the biennium 2014-2015 not foreseen in the proposal of the Director General shall be financed by additional savings and shall not be covered by increasing assessed contributions of Member States;

(f) Understood that the Director General will actively pursue additional efficiency gains and cost-savings on an ongoing basis and will communicate to Member States on this through existing reporting channels;

(g) Also understood that the Organization will continue to take steps to further reduce travel costs, rationalize its standard of accommodation for official travel, ensure full compliance with these standards, and increase transparency towards Member States on this matter through existing reporting channels;

(h) Further understood that the Director General will urge the International Civil Service Commission to take into consideration the financial situation of UNIDO and its Member States during the comprehensive review of the compensation package for staff in the Professional and higher categories, and will underline the importance of the outcome of this review for UNIDO; and requested the Director General to keep Member States informed on this matter through existing communication channels;

(i) Invited the Director General, taking into account functional and structural requirements, to reduce whenever possible the utilization of human resources at senior levels in favour of utilization of human resources at levels P-2 to P-4 on the understanding that this should be achieved through natural attrition and in a financially cost-neutral manner, without prejudice to the implementation of programmes;

(j) Took note of the proposed replacement of written summary records in all six languages of the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference with digital records (IDB.41/5/Add.1, para. 12);

(k) Decided to suspend rule 69 of the Rules of Procedure of the Industrial Development Board for the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the Board and requested the Director General to ensure that digital records in all six official languages be made available;

(l) Recommended to the General Conference the suspension of rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for its sixteenth session as well as the
provision in its decision GC.3/Dec.11 calling for the issuance of summary records of the Main Committee and requested the Director General to make digital records of plenary and Main Committee meetings available in all six official languages;

(m) Decided to evaluate the experience gained by using digital records at its forty-third session;

(n) Supported the Director General’s proposal to reduce the length of documents issued to the policymaking organs without adversely affecting either the quality of presentation or the content of the reports;

(o) Took note of the Director General’s proposal to postpone the extension of the field network and requested the Director General as soon as the financial situation improves to proceed to extending it, as expressed in document IDB.41/5/Add.1, paragraph 8.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.13 Medium-term programme framework

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the proposal on the medium-term programme framework contained in document IDB.41/8;

(b) Recalled General Conference decision GC.14/Dec.18 concerning the alignment of the medium-term programme framework with the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(c) Also recalled General Assembly resolution 67/226 of 21 December 2012, adopting the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(d) Recommended that the General Conference at its fifteenth session decide that, pending consideration of the application of provisions of General Assembly resolution 67/226 to specialized agencies, the medium-term programme framework 2010-2013 remain in force until the expiry of the forthcoming budget biennium, 2014-2015;

(e) Also recommended that the General Conference at its fifteenth session request the Director General to submit from 2015 onwards, on a quadrennial basis, to the Board in the second year of a biennium, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for four years, taking into account the recommendations of the outcome document of the informal working group on the future, including programme and resources, of UNIDO, entitled “Strategic Guidance Document” and the recommendations of the latest comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013
The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the final report of the Co-Chairs of the informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO (IDB.41/24) and in particular the outcome document of the informal working group entitled “Strategic Guidance Document”, as contained in the annex thereto;

(b) Requested the Director General, when implementing the extended medium-term programme framework (MTPF), to take into account, inter alia, the recommendations of the outcome document of the informal working group entitled “Strategic Guidance Document”, and brief Member States accordingly;

(c) Also requested the Director General to incorporate the recommendations of the outcome document of the informal working group entitled “Strategic Guidance Document” when formulating and implementing the MTPF, 2016-2019;

(d) Further requested the Director General to present a provisional outline of the MTPF, 2016-2019, to the forty-second session of the Board, on the understanding that a comprehensive new MTPF document, 2016-2019, would be presented to the forty-third session of the Board (decision IDB.41/Dec.13);

(e) Recommended that the General Conference at its fifteenth session consider for approval the outcome document of the informal working group entitled “Strategic Guidance Document” as a basis for the formulation and implementation of medium-term programme frameworks, programme and budgets, and other operational programmes of UNIDO;

(f) Invited the General Conference at its fifteenth session to make use of the outcome document of the informal working group entitled “Strategic Guidance Document” when formulating the proposed Lima Declaration and Plan of Action.

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.41/19;

(b) Took note of the decision of the International Civil Service Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the compensation package and of the approval by the United Nations General Assembly of the revised standards of conduct for the international civil service;

(c) Approved, in accordance with staff regulation 13.2, provisionally and without prejudice to the acquired rights of the staff, the proposed amendment to staff regulation 10.2, by which the mandatory age of separation for staff appointed on or after 1 January 2014 be established at 65 years, and recommended to the General Conference the final approval of this amendment;
(d) Further noted the amendments to appendices B, H and O to the staff rules and to staff rules 109.12, 110.07, and 110.13 made in compliance with staff regulation 13.4;

(e) Elected the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of 2013:

Members:   Ms. Savitri Panabokke (Sri Lanka)
           Mr. Pierluigi Colapinto (Italy)

Alternate members: Mr. Amar Chemakh (Algeria)
                   Mr. Sergio Alois Garcia Hofer (Mexico);

(f) Recommended to the General Conference at its fifteenth session the following candidates for the election of two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2014-2015:

Members:   Ms. Savitri Panabokke (Sri Lanka)
           Mr. Pierluigi Colapinto (Italy)

Alternate members: Mr. Amar Chemakh (Algeria)
                   Mr. Sergio Alois Garcia Hofer (Mexico);

(g) Also recommended that the General Conference at its fifteenth session authorize the Industrial Development Board to proceed with the election for any of the above-mentioned posts that might become vacant before the General Conference holds its sixteenth session.

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26 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.16 Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.41/20;

(b) Decided, in accordance with Article 19.1 (b) 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. 17), to grant consultative status with UNIDO to the following non-governmental organizations:

AVSI Foundation, and
Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation (CGDC).

5th plenary meeting
26 June 2013

IDB.41/Dec.17 Provisional agenda and date of the forty-second session

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.41/CRP.4;

(b) Decided to approve the following provisional agenda for its forty-second session:
1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
   (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2013;
   (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
   (c) Mobilization of financial resources.
7. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
8. Report on the work of the Multilateral Diplomatic Committee in UNIDO.
10. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
11. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-third session.
12. Adoption of the report.
   (c) Decided to hold its forty-second session from 25 to 27 November 2014.

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26 June 2013
Annex II

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