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## Programme and Budget Committee

### Thirtieth session

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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## Annotated provisional agenda

### Opening of the session

The thirtieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee will be opened by the H.E. Ms. C. Stix-Hackl (Austria) in her capacity as Acting Chairperson of the twenty-ninth session.

#### Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 17.1, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Committee shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chairperson and three Vice-Chairpersons, and from among the delegations of its members a Rapporteur. Rule 17.3 stipulates that the offices of the Chairperson, the three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle in accordance with appendix A to the rules of procedure. According to that appendix, the Chairperson of the thirtieth session should be elected from members of the Committee from States in List D, and the three Vice-Chairpersons from the African States in List A, Asian States in List A and States in List C. The Rapporteur should be elected from members of the Committee from the States in List B.

#### Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the thirtieth session, prepared by the Director General in consultation with the Acting Chairperson of the Committee in

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accordance with rules 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure, is submitted to the Committee for adoption in document PBC.30/1 as stipulated in rule 12.

The Committee will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (PBC.30/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (PBC.30/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (PBC.30/CRP.1)

### **Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2013**

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 changed 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). In line with resolution GC.13/Res.3, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2013* 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. Due to the reduction of the number of sessions of the Board in non-General Conference years (decision IDB.39/Dec.7 (f)) and following the practice established in 2013, the annual report will be presented through the Programme and Budget Committee to the Board.

Member States may therefore wish to include information on their activities as they relate to the work of UNIDO in the oral statements delivered by their representatives to the Committee under this item.

The Committee will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2013 (including programme performance report)* (PBC.30/2-IDB.42/2)

### **Item 4. Report of the External Auditor for 2013**

Financial regulations 11.9 and 11.10 stipulate that the reports of the External Auditor, together with the audited financial statements, shall be completed not later than 20 April and shall be transmitted through the Committee to the Board in

accordance with directions given by the Conference. The Committee shall examine the financial statements and the audit reports and submit recommendations to the Board, which shall forward them to the Conference with such comments, as it deems appropriate.

The Committee in its conclusion 1987/19 requested the Director General to submit each year to the Board through the Committee a clear and detailed financial performance report itemizing the utilization of financial resources. Starting in 2011, the financial performance report, i.e. the financial statements compliant with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), has been included in the External Auditor's report.

In line with Board decision IDB.41/Dec.6, the report of the External Auditor will also include information on the implementation of recommendations included in the report of the External Auditor for 2012 (IDB.41/3).

The Committee will have before it:

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2013 (PBC.30/3-IDB.42/3)

#### **Item 5. Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations**

The report by the Director General to the General Conference at its fifteenth session (GC.15/11), amended through a note by the Secretariat (GC.15/CRP.1), covered a wide range of issues within the context of the financial situation. That information will be updated in a document submitted to the present session.

Furthermore, at its fifteenth session the Director General apprised the General Conference of the unutilized balances of appropriations (GC.15/14). In decision GC.15/Dec.13, the General Conference encouraged Member States to consider voluntarily renouncing their share of the unutilized balances in order to strengthen the programme of UNIDO and/or to fund the retention of office space. Information on the implementation of the same decision will therefore be included in the above-mentioned document, submitted to the present session.

As per the request of the General Conference for reporting to the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the Industrial Development Board through the Programme and Budget Committee (GC.15/Dec.16), the aforementioned document will also provide information on the implementation of the programme and budgets, 2014-2015.

Furthermore, the issue of the financial contribution to the United Nations resident coordinator system is brought to the attention of the Committee. In the programme and budgets, 2014-2015 (IDB.41/5), UNIDO already indicated that the Organization would not be able to contribute the full amount expected by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG). Meanwhile a memorandum of understanding has been concluded for the period 2014-2015, limiting UNIDO's contribution to \$175,000 per annum. However, Member States' guidance is required in respect of contributions for the biennium 2016-2017.

In addition, the complete text of the financial regulations superseding the version issued under the symbol PBC.28/CRP.2, dated 12 April 2012, will be brought to the attention of the Committee.

The Committee will thus have before it:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (PBC.30/4-IDB.42/4)
- UNIDO's financial contribution to the United Nations resident coordinator system. Report by the Director General (PBC.30/6-IDB.42/6)
- Financial Regulations of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.30/CRP.2)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.30/CRP.3)

#### **Item 6. Mobilization of financial resources**

At its twenty-fifth session the Board adopted decision IDB.25/Dec.5 on funds mobilization for integrated programmes. In that decision in paragraph (i), the Board, inter alia, requested the Director General to maintain a continuous dialogue with Member States in order to actively sustain the common resource mobilization efforts. A report on progress made will be submitted to the Board through the Committee, which will also provide the Committee with substantive reporting on the thematic trust funds, financed through unutilized balances and other voluntary funding. This report should be considered in conjunction with the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2013*, which provides information on mobilization of financial resources for that year.

The Committee will have before it:

- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General (PBC.30/5-IDB.42/5)
- Funding performance. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2013* (PBC.30/2-IDB.42/2, chapter 1)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2013 (PBC.30/CRP.4)

#### **Item 7. Date of the thirty-first session**

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2014 and 2015:

25-27 November 2014	Industrial Development Board, forty-second session
26-29 May 2015 (tentative)	Programme and Budget Committee, thirty-first session
22-26 June 2015 (tentative)	Industrial Development Board, forty-third session
30 November-4 December 2015	General Conference, sixteenth session

#### **Item 8. Adoption of the report**

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