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Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-third session

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Introduction

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-third session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. As decided by the Board at its forty-first session (IDB.41/Dec.12 (j)), written summary records in all six languages of the Board will be replaced with digital recordings. These are available through the UNIDO Extranet.
2. The following decisions of the Board, reproduced in annex I, are related to the work of the General Conference at its sixteenth session:
 - IDB.43/Dec.4 Scale of assessments, 2016-2017
 - IDB.43/Dec.5 Working Capital Fund, 2016-2017
 - IDB.43/Dec.6 Programme and budgets, 2016-2017
 - IDB.43/Dec.7 Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019
 - IDB.43/Dec.8 Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development
 - IDB.43/Dec.9 Preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference
 - IDB.43/Dec.10 Personnel matters

I. Organizational and procedural matters

3. The forty-third session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 23 to 24 June 2015 (four plenary meetings).

Participation

4. The following 48 of the 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).
5. The following 43 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav

Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Yemen.

6. The State of Palestine participated as observer.
7. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta participated as observer.
8. The following specialized agency and related organization was represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
9. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), European Union (EU) and League of Arab States (LAS).
10. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation (CGDC), Forum Francophone des Affaires (FFA), Institut Supérieur de Gestion (ISG), International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE), International Council of Women (ICW), International Gas Union (IGU), International Investment Center (IIC) and Society for International Development (SID).

Opening of the session

11. The forty-third session of the Board was declared open by the President of the forty-second session, H.E. Mr. T. J. Seokolo (South Africa).

Officers of the session

12. In accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure, the Board elected by acclamation Mr. R. Stalder (Switzerland) as President, H.E. Ms. P. Saborio de Rocafort (Costa Rica), H.E. Mr. SONG Y. (Republic of Korea) and H.E. Mr. C. Istrate (Romania) as Vice-Presidents, and Mr. A. Chemakh (Algeria) as Rapporteur.

Agenda of the session

13. The Board adopted the following agenda:
 1. Election of officers.
 2. Adoption of the agenda.
 3. Annual Report of the Director General for 2014.
 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
 - (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2014;
 - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations;
 - (c) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2016-2017;

- (d) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017;
 - (e) Mobilization of financial resources;
 - (f) Appointment of an External Auditor.
5. Programme and budgets, 2016-2017.
 6. Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019.
 7. Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
 8. Preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference.
 9. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
 10. Personnel matters.
 11. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
 12. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fourth session.
 13. 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.43/Dec.1).
15. 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. Ms. P. Saborío de Rocafort (Costa Rica) to chair those consultations.

II. Annual Report of the Director General for 2014 (item 3)

16. Under item 3, the Board had before it the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2014* (including the programme performance report) (IDB.43/2) and a summary submitted by the Secretariat on the Vienna Energy Forum 2015 “Sustainable Energy for Inclusive Development” (IDB.43/CRP.2).
17. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

III. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (items 4 (a) to (f))

18. Under item 4, including sub-items (a) to (f), the Board had before it the report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its thirty-first session (IDB.43/11).

A. Report of the External Auditor for 2014

19. 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 2014 (IDB.43/3) and the annexes presented in accordance with United Nations System Accounting Standards for the year ended 31 December 2014 (unaudited) contained in conference room paper PBC.31/CRP.5. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.2) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.2 (see annex I).

B. Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations

20. Under sub-item 4 (b), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.43/4), a proposal by the Director General on the enhancements to the financial management framework (IDB.43/5) and a note by the Secretariat on the status of assessed contributions (IDB.43/CRP.3). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.3 (see annex I).

C. Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2016-2017

21. Under sub-item 4 (c), the Board had before it a note by the Secretariat on the scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2016-2017 (IDB.43/7). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.4) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.4 (see annex I).

D. Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017

22. Under sub-item 4 (d), the Board had before it proposals by the Director General on the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 (IDB.43/8). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.5) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.5 (see annex I).

E. Mobilization of financial resources

23. Under sub-item 4 (e), the Board considered information on funding performance contained in chapter I of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2014* (IDB.43/2) and a conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2014 (PBC.31/CRP.2). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

F. Appointment of an External Auditor

24. Under sub-item 4 (f), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the candidates for the appointment of External Auditor (IDB.43/10), together with a note by the Secretariat on the same topic (PBC.31/CRP.4). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

IV. Programme and budgets, 2016-2017 (item 5)

25. Under item 5, the Board had before it proposals of the Director General for the programme and budgets, 2016-2017 and an addendum, outlining adjustments thereto in line with conclusion 2015/4 (IDB.43/6 and Add.1). The Board also had before it background notes on the proposals of the Director General for the programme and budgets, 2016-2017 (PBC.31/CRP.6), and a note by the Secretariat on digital records (PBC.31/CRP.7). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.6 (see annex I).

V. Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (item 6)

26. Under item 6, the Board had before it a proposal by the Director General on the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (IDB.43/9), together with an addendum, containing a note by the Secretariat on the medium-term investment plan (IDB.43/9/Add.1). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.12) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.7 (see annex I).

VI. Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (item 7)

27. Under item 7, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (IDB.43/12). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.13) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.8 (see annex I).

VII. Preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference (item 8)

28. Under item 8, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference (IDB.43/13). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.7) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.9 (see annex I).*

* The delegation of South Africa stated that, in order to join the consensus, it agreed to the adoption of decision IDB.43/Dec.9 on the preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference. However, it wished to place on record that it felt that the inclusion of an item on UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries in the provisional agenda of the General Conference would take away the focus on least developed countries.

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

29. Under item 9, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (IDB.43/14). At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

IX. Personnel matters (item 10)

30. Under item 10, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on personnel matters (IDB.43/15) and a list of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat as of 1 June 2015 (IDB.43/CRP.4). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.8) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.10 (see annex I).

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

31. Under item 11, the Board had before it a note by the Director General with information on intergovernmental organizations (IDB.43/16) and a note by the Director General on the application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status (IDB.43/17). The Board considered two draft decisions submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.9 and IDB.43/L.10) and adopted decisions IDB.43/Dec.11 and IDB.43/Dec.12 (see annex I).

XI. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fourth session (item 12)

32. Under item 12, the Board had before it a note by the Director General on the provisional agenda and date of the forty-fourth session (IDB.43/CRP.5). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.43/L.11) and adopted decision IDB.43/Dec.13 (see annex I).

XII. Adoption of the report (item 13) and closure of the forty-third session

33. On 24 June, the Board considered the draft report on the work of its forty-third session (IDB.43/L.1) and adopted it as a whole with the understanding that the Rapporteur would be entrusted with the task of finalizing the report.

34. The Board closed its forty-third session at 6:47 p.m. on 24 June 2015.

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Decisions adopted by the Board at its forty-third session

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IDB.43/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-third session only, provided no substantive decisions were taken at those meetings.

*1st plenary meeting
23 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.2 Report of the External Auditor for 2014

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial period 1 January to 31 December 2014, including the financial performance report, as contained in document IDB.43/3, and the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2014*, including the programme performance report for 2014 (IDB.43/2);

(b) Also took note of the statements of the Director General and the External Auditor made at the thirty-first 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 made to the improvement of UNIDO's management, operations and performance through his recommendations;

(e) Took note of the actions taken by the Director General to implement recommendations of prior years;

(f) 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-fourth session.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.3 Financial situation of UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.43/4;

(b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that have 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) Urged the Director General to intensify his efforts to ensure that current Member States sustain their support to the Organization and to communicate to Member States on this matter through existing reporting channels.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.4 Scale of assessments, 2016-2017

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of document IDB.43/7;

(b) Recommended to the General Conference the establishment of a scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 calendar year to which it relates, whichever is later;

(d) Called on Member States and former Member States that are 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.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.5 Working Capital Fund, 2016-2017

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of document IDB.43/8;

(b) Recommended to the General Conference that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2016-2017 should remain the same as for the biennium 2014-2015, 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.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.6 Programme and budgets, 2016-2017

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Adopted the programme and budgets for the biennium 2016-2017, as contained in documents IDB.43/6 and IDB.43/6/Add.1;

(b) Recommended to the General Conference the approval of estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €138,934,833 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €136,416,533 and other income of €2,518,300;

(c) Also recommended to the General Conference the approval of estimates of gross expenditures totalling €34,066,200 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2016-2017 to be financed from voluntary contributions in the amount of €33,764,700 and other income amounting to €301,500 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) Took note of the consultations with concerned Member States and the resulting revised proposals of the Director General to retain the programme "Special Resources for Africa (SRA)" with a regular budget allocation set at €1 million and to earmark voluntary contributions for the preparation of and support to programmes in Africa to match or exceed the previous levels of SRA;

(f) Also took note of the proposal contained in document IDB.43/6 regarding the field structure adjustment and further requested the Director General, taking into consideration the recommendation contained in paragraph 12 of the "Strategic Guidance Document" (IDB.41/24), to present to the sixteenth session of the General Conference a comprehensive action plan concerning the field policy, including associated capacities at UNIDO headquarters, and field network with adjustments;

(g) Urged the Director General to consult Member States particularly those concerned on the phased implementation of the adjustment of the field office network as is stipulated in paragraph (f) and ensure a smooth and gradual transition, as well as a balanced regional approach;

(h) Encouraged the Director General to promote the full integration of UNIDO field staff in the United Nations Country Teams, and to make the fullest possible use of the United Nations Resident Coordinator system and to report thereon;

(i) Took note of the establishment of two special accounts: (a) Special Account of Voluntary Contributions for Core Activities (SAVCCA) and (b) Major Capital Investment Fund (MCIF) as well as the purposes and limits and special financial rules governing the operation of the special accounts as presented in document IDB.43/5 and also took note of the operational modalities of these accounts, the activities to be funded from them and their possible impact on the regular budget, as described in the adjustments to the proposals of the Director General on the programme and budgets (IDB.43/6/Add.1);

(j) Recalled that financial regulations 4.2 (b) and (c) stipulate that the unutilized balances of appropriations shall be credited to Member States in proportion to their assessed contributions;

(k) Reiterated the concerns about late payments of assessed contributions, which hinders their originally intended use, and invited Member States to redouble their efforts in order to provide a timely response on the treatment of their shares of unutilized balances;

(l) Took note of the medium-term investment plan attached to the medium-term programme framework (IDB.43/9/Add.1) and understood that it will be updated annually;

(m) Invited the Director General to prioritize in the medium-term investment plan the procurement of additional reporting functionalities for the enterprise resource planning (ERP) system, as recommended by the External Auditor in document IDB.43/3;

(n) Decided to continue replacing written summary records of the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference with digital records for the period of 2016-2017;

(o) Also decided to suspend rule 69 of the Rules of Procedure of the Industrial Development Board for the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions and recommended to the General Conference the suspension of rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for the seventeenth session of the Conference.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.7 Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Having considered the comprehensive proposals of the Director General for the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (IDB.43/9 and IDB.43/9/Add.1);

(b) Recommended to the General Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“The General Conference:

Recalling its decision GC.2/Dec.23, as amended in decisions GC.6/Dec.10, GC.14/Dec.18 and GC.15/Dec.17, requesting the Director General to submit to the Board, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a medium-term programme framework;

Acknowledging the importance of providing the Organization with a comprehensive and coherent framework to respond effectively to the challenges of a rapidly changing environment for industrial development;

Expressing its appreciation for the broad programmatic objectives and priorities reflected in the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (IDB.43/9 and IDB.43/9/Add.1) which take into account the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1) and

the recommendations relating to the management criteria of the ‘Strategic Guidance Document’ (IDB.41/24);

Noting that UNIDO’s programmatic objectives and priorities also continue to be determined by the post-2015 development agenda and the related Sustainable Development Goals, to be derived from the Special Summit on Sustainable Development in New York in September 2015, as well as the United Nations system-wide coherence mechanisms, including the United Nations Resident Coordinator system and the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations;

Welcoming the main innovative features, especially the introduction of a new partnership approach to promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID), the inclusion of a budgetary framework that indicates expected budgetary requirements for the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, and the enhancement of the results-based management approach, as requested in the ‘Strategic Guidance Document’, including the introduction of an integrated results and performance framework;

(a) *Recognizes* that the medium-term programme framework is an important and flexible tool for implementing the Organization’s mandates;

(b) *Takes note* with appreciation of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019;

(c) *Also takes note* that the medium-term programme framework already includes performance indicators and understands that the Organization will set a baseline for these indicators and continue its efforts towards enriching these indicators in a continuous manner and requests the Director General to report the progress on this matter in due course;

(d) *Invites* the Director General to continue reporting on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework in the annual report.”

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.8 Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled the Lima Declaration (GC.15/Res.1) and reaffirmed the firm commitment of all Member States to UNIDO and inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID);

(b) Reiterated the important role of UNIDO as the central coordinator of international industrial cooperation towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the United Nations system;

(c) Welcomed the inclusion of the goal “build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation” in the set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, as proposed by the

Open Working Group of the United Nations General Assembly in its report (A/68/970);

(d) Noted with satisfaction the information contained in document IDB.43/12, and commended the Director General for his unremitting effort to promote ISID and enhance the visibility and relevance of UNIDO towards achieving poverty eradication and sustainable development;

(e) Encouraged UNIDO to continue and further progress in providing development services according to the differentiated needs of all Member States, in support of their national industrial priorities and strategies, as also contained in the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (IDB.43/9);

(f) Welcomed in that context the launch of the new Programme for Country Partnerships (PCP) as a promising model to foster ISID, and bearing in mind the need for a comprehensive independent evaluation in due course of the pilot programmes, encouraged UNIDO to continue its consultations with Member States to analyse feasible ways to achieve greater geographic coverage with due consideration to the specific needs of different countries as stipulated in the Lima Declaration and strengthen participation of all Member States in the selection process in order to enhance transparency in such process;

(g) Called therefore upon all Member States to ensure adequate funding for UNIDO and its programmes, particularly the PCP, through voluntary contributions in order to ensure the Organization's capacities and resources for supporting progress towards the achievement of the industry-related development goals in the post-2015 development agenda;

(h) Also called upon all Member States to continue actively supporting ISID and UNIDO in all relevant intergovernmental consultations, including those on the post-2015 development agenda, the associated means of implementation, as well as the reviewing and monitoring framework of the industry-related development goals;

(i) Requested UNIDO to redouble its outreach efforts in the ongoing global consultation processes to further promote the relevance of UNIDO and ISID, including in the refinement of the development indicators framework, and to actively participate in related upcoming major events, including the Third International Conference on Financing for Development from 13 to 15 July 2015 in Addis Ababa, the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda from 25 to 27 September 2015 in New York, and the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) from 30 November to 11 December 2015 in Paris;

(j) Requested the Director General to prepare a plan of action for supporting and monitoring progress towards achieving ISID as a concrete follow-up to the industry-related development goals of the post-2015 development agenda, and present such a plan at the sixteenth session of the General Conference.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.9 Preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference

The Industrial Development Board:

- (a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.43/13;
- (b) Adopted the following agenda for the sixteenth 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.
7. Annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization for 2013 and 2014.
8. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-second and forty-third regular sessions.
9. Forum on industrial development issues.
10. Financial matters:
 - (a) Scale of assessments of Member States;
 - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
 - (c) Working Capital Fund;
 - (d) Appointment of an External Auditor.
11. Programme and budgets, 2016-2017.
12. Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019.
13. UNIDO field policy and network.
14. Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
15. UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy.
16. UNIDO activities related to energy and the environment.
17. UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation.
18. UNIDO activities related to the implementation of the Lima Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries.
19. UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries taking into account the San José Declaration.

20. Personnel matters, including the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee.
21. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
22. Date and place of the seventeenth session.
23. 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 22 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-third session of the Industrial Development Board conduct informal consultations for the preparation of the sixteenth session of the Conference;

(f) Urged Member States to submit to the informal consultations any proposed draft decisions or resolutions by 6 November 2015.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.10 Personnel matters

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.43/15;

(b) Also took note of the progress made in the review of the mandatory age of separation for current staff, the comprehensive review undertaken by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), its decision on the rental subsidy thresholds in Vienna, and of the General Assembly's decisions on health insurance, net remuneration margin, diversity and gender balance in the United Nations common system;

(c) Noted the amendments to Schedule I of the staff regulations and to appendix A to the staff rules made in compliance with staff regulation 13.4;

(d) Recommended to the General Conference at its sixteenth session the following candidates for the election of two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2016-2017:

Members: Mr. Pierluigi Colapinto (Italy)

..... (country)

Alternate: (country)

..... (country);

(e) Also recommended to the General Conference at its sixteenth session to 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 seventeenth session.

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24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.11 Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.43/17;

(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 organization:

World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO).

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.12 Relationship agreements with intergovernmental organizations

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in document IDB.43/16;

(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.43/16, to conclude an appropriate relationship agreement with the following intergovernmental organizations:

Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC);

European Investment Bank (EIB).

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

IDB.43/Dec.13 Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fourth session

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.43/CRP.5;

(b) Decided to approve the following provisional agenda for its forty-fourth session:

1. Election of officers.

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2. Adoption of the agenda.
 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2015.
 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
 - (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2015;
 - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
 - (c) Mobilization of financial resources.
 5. Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
 6. Activities of the Office for Independent Evaluation.
 7. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
 8. Personnel matters.
 9. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
 10. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fifth session.
 11. Adoption of the report.
 - (c) Decided to hold its forty-fourth session from 22 to 24 November 2016.

*4th plenary meeting
24 June 2015*

Annex II

Documents submitted to the Board at its forty-third session

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title</i>
IDB.43/1	2	Provisional agenda
IDB.43/1/Add.1	2	Annotated provisional agenda
IDB.43/2	3, 4 (e)	<i>Annual Report of UNIDO 2014</i>
IDB.43/3	4 (a)	Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2014
IDB.43/4*	4 (b)	Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General
IDB.43/5	4 (b)	Enhancements to the financial management framework. Proposals by the Director General
IDB.43/6	5	Programme and budgets, 2016-2017. Proposals of the Director General
IDB.43/6/Add.1	5	Programme and budgets, 2016-2017. Adjustments to the proposals of the Director General
IDB.43/7	4 (c)	Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2016-2017. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.43/8	4 (d)	Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2016-2017. Proposals of the Director General
IDB.43/9	6	Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019. Proposal by the Director General
IDB.43/9/Add.1	6	Medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019. Addendum to the proposal by the Director General
IDB.43/10	4 (f)	Candidates for the appointment of External Auditor. Report by the Director General
IDB.43/11	4	Report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its thirty-first session (27-29 May 2015)
IDB.43/12	7	Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Report by the Director General
IDB.43/13	8	Preparations for the sixteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director General
IDB.43/14	9	Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General
IDB.43/15	10	Personnel matters. Report by the Director General
IDB.43/16	11	Information on intergovernmental organizations. Note by the Director General
IDB.43/17	11	Application from non-governmental organizations for consultative status. Note by the Director General
Conference room papers		
IDB.43/CRP.1	2	List of documents
IDB.43/CRP.2	3	The Vienna Energy Forum 2015 “Sustainable Energy for Inclusive Development”. Summary submitted by the Secretariat
IDB.43/CRP.3	4 (b)	Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title</i>
IDB.43/CRP.4	10	List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat. Submitted by the Secretariat
IDB.43/CRP.5	12	Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fourth session. Note by the Director General
IDB.43/CRP.6/Rev.1*		List of participants
PBC.31/CRP.2	4 (e)	Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2014. Prepared by the Secretariat
PBC.31/CRP.4	4 (f)	Candidates for the appointment of External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat
PBC.31/CRP.5	4 (a)	Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2014. Annexes presented in accordance with United Nations System Accounting Standards for the year ended 31 December 2014 (unaudited). Prepared by the Secretariat
PBC.31/CRP.6	5	Programme and budgets, 2016-2017. Background notes on the proposals of the Director General
PBC.31/CRP.7	5	Digital records. Note by the Secretariat