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Budget implementation flexibility

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Note by the Secretariat

The present document provides information on budget implementation flexibility in line with decision GC.20/Dec.14. It is to be considered in conjunction with the information provided in documents IDB.51/9 and IDB.51/CRP.10.

I. Background

1. The twentieth session of the General Conference, through the thirty-ninth session of the Programme and Budget Committee and the fifty-first session of the Industrial Development Board, considered a proposal of the Director General on budget implementation flexibility for the biennium 2024–2025 (documents IDB.51/9 and IDB.51/CRP.10 refer).
2. *Horizontal flexibility:* Through decision GC.20/Dec.14, the Conference took an interim decision for the biennium 2024–2025, to allow the Director General to increase expenditure on technical cooperation to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development up to €60 million of the operational budget commensurate with the actual income received.
3. *Vertical flexibility:* Through the same decision, the General Conference requested Member States to continue negotiating through the fortieth session of the Committee and the fifty-second session of the Board on the interim decision, on a time-bound basis for the biennium 2024–2025, to allow the Director General to make, within the amounts approved by the General Conference for the regular budget, transfers between the major objects of expenditure within result areas up to 10 per cent of the initially appropriated regular budget amounts from which the transfers are made, and authorized the Industrial Development Board at its fifty-second session to decide on this matter for the biennium 2024–2025.

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II. Status of the budget implementation flexibility

4. As of 29 March 2024, the horizontal flexibility has not been applied.
5. The informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues has included vertical flexibility as an agenda item in its timeline for the first half of 2024.

III. Action required of the Committee

6. The Committee may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document.
7. The Committee may wish to recommend to the Industrial Development Board the adoption of the following draft decision:

“The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Takes note of decision GC.20/Dec.14 and document IDB.52/6-PBC.40/6;

(b) Decides, on a time-bound basis for the biennium 2024–2025, to allow the Director General to make, within the amounts approved by the General Conference for the regular budget, transfers between the major objects of expenditure within result areas up to 10 per cent of the initially appropriated regular budget amounts from which the transfers are made.”
