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## **Introductory note**

1. The decisions and resolutions adopted by the General Conference at its seventeenth regular session (2017) are reproduced in the present document.
2. The table of contents, for ease of reference, lists a serial number by which each decision or resolution may be cited, the title of each decision and resolution, the pertinent background document(s) and the relevant agenda item. Decisions and resolutions are, as far as possible, set out in the order of the agenda.
3. Following Board decision IDB.43/Dec.6 (o), the General Conference suspended rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for its seventeenth 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 (see decision GC.17/Dec.6). Discussions related to the adoption of decisions and resolutions are reflected in these digital records.

## Agenda of the seventeenth regular session

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. Appointment of the Director General
7. Elections to organs:
  - (a) Industrial Development Board;
  - (b) Programme and Budget Committee.
8. Annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization for 2015 and 2016.
9. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-fourth and forty-fifth regular sessions.
10. Forum on industrial development issues.
11. Financial matters:
  - (a) Scale of assessments of Member States;
  - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO;
  - (c) Working Capital Fund;
  - (d) Appointment of an External Auditor.
12. Programme and budgets, 2018-2019.
13. Medium-term programme framework, 2018-2021.
14. UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women.
15. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
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 Vienna 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. Support by the Republic of Austria towards the financing of an educational institution.
23. Date and place of the eighteenth session.
24. Closure of the session.

## DECISIONS

### GC.17/Dec.1 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The General Conference elected by acclamation H.E. Ms. Alena Kupchyna (Belarus) President of the Conference at its seventeenth session.

*1st plenary meeting  
27 November 2017*

### GC.17/Dec.2 ELECTION OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The General Conference elected the following Vice-Presidents of the Conference at its seventeenth session: H.E. Ms. Maria Assunta Accili Sabbatini (Italy), H.E. Mr. Hannu Kyröläinen (Finland), H.E. Mr. Michael Adipo Okoth Oyugi (Kenya), H.E. Mr. Lotfi Bouchaara (Morocco), H.E. Ms. Ayesha Riyaz (Pakistan), H.E. Ms. Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson (Philippines), and Mr. Georgy V. Mikhno (Russian Federation).

*1st plenary meeting  
27 November 2017*

### GC.17/Dec.3 ISRAEL — CHANGE OF CLASSIFICATION IN THE LISTS OF STATES OF ANNEX I TO THE CONSTITUTION<sup>1</sup>

The General Conference decided, in accordance with rule 11 of the rules of procedures, to resume the seventeenth session of the General Conference in the margins of the forty-sixth session of the Industrial Development Board for the sole purpose of considering the proposal to include Israel in List B, with the understanding to have appropriate consultations until then.

*8th plenary meeting  
1 December 2017*

### GC.17/Dec.4 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*The General Conference:*

(a) Decided to suspend rule 42 of its rules of procedure for the first day of the Conference only, paragraph 1 (a) of which covers functions of the General Committee with regard to the adoption of the agenda;

(b) Adopted the agenda of its seventeenth session as contained in document GC.17/1.

*1st plenary meeting  
27 November 2017*

### GC.17/Dec.5 ORGANIZATION OF WORK

*The General Conference:*

(a) Decided to cover agenda items 8 to 23 in the plenary in the form of a general debate;

(b) Also decided to establish, in accordance with rule 44 of its rules of procedure, one Main Committee, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ms. Vivian

<sup>1</sup> The Islamic Republic of Iran reserved its position on this decision, and in particular dissociated itself with any financial consequences thereof and did not commit itself for any payment in this regard.

Nwunaku Rose Okeke (Nigeria), on which each Member participating in the Conference may be represented;

(c) Further decided to refer agenda items 8 to 23 to the Main Committee for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary and requested the Chair of the Main Committee to submit to the Conference on 1 December 2017, a written report on its work in accordance with decision GC.3/Dec.11.

*3rd plenary meeting  
28 November 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.6 SUSPENSION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUMMARY RECORDS**

Following Board decision IDB.43/Dec.6 (o), the General Conference suspended rule 65 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for its seventeenth 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.

*3rd plenary meeting  
28 November 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.7 APPOINTMENT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

The General Conference appointed the following Members to serve on the Credentials Committee: Cabo Verde, China, Dominican Republic, Indonesia, Ireland, Spain, the Russian Federation, Uganda and Uruguay.

*3rd plenary meeting  
28 November 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.8 CREDENTIALS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendations contained therein;

(b) Approved the report of the Credentials Committee.

*7th plenary meeting  
30 November 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.9 APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of decision IDB.45/Dec.3;

(b) In accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, decided to appoint Mr. LI Yong as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 28 November 2017 or until the Director General to be appointed at the nineteenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

*1st plenary meeting  
27 November 2017*

**GC.17/Dec.10 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Took note of decision IDB.45/Dec.4;
- (b) Approved 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.

*1st plenary meeting  
27 November 2017*

**ANNEX**

**DRAFT 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 its seventeenth session held from 27 November to 1 December 2017.

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 November two thousand seventeen (2017), or until the Director General to be appointed at the nineteenth 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 forty-one thousand two hundred and seventy-six (241,276), corresponding to an annual net base salary equivalent to US dollars one hundred and eighty-two thousand three hundred and ninety-three (182,393) (dependency rate) or US dollars one hundred and sixty-two thousand one hundred and ninety-four (162,194) (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-eight thousand three hundred (38,300) 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-seven thousand nine hundred (57,900) 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 and health insurance arrangements

(a) 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 51(c) and (b) of the regulations and rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

(b) The Director General shall continue to participate in the UNIDO group life and health insurance schemes.

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 27th day of November 2017.

SIGNED this 27th day of November 2017 at Vienna.

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Alena Kupchyna  
President of the Conference acting  
on behalf of the Organization

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LI Yong  
Director General

**GC.17/Dec.11 ELECTION OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 9.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members to the Industrial Development Board to hold office until the close of the nineteenth regular session of the Conference in 2021:

(a) Eighteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I of the Constitution: Algeria, Argentina, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Ethiopia, India, Iran (Islamic republic of), Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zambia.

(b) Seven members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey.

(c) Two members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Hungary and Russian Federation.

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30 November 2017*

As a result, the Industrial Development Board is composed of the following fifty-two States: Algeria\*\*, Angola\*, Argentina\*\*, Austria\*\*, Bangladesh\*\*, Belarus\*, Burkina Faso\*\*, China\*, Costa Rica\*\*, Côte d'Ivoire\*\*, Croatia\*, Cuba\*\*, Cyprus\*, Ecuador\*, Egypt\*, Ethiopia\*\*, Finland\*, Germany\*, Hungary\*\*, India\*\*, Iran (Islamic republic of)\*\*, Ireland\*\*, Italy\*, Japan\*, Kenya\*, Kuwait\*, Lebanon\*, Luxembourg\*\*, Malta\*\*, Mexico\*, Morocco\*\*, Nigeria\*, Norway\*, Pakistan\*\*, Panama\*, Peru\*\*, Philippines\*\*, Poland\*, Republic of Korea\*, Russian Federation\*\*, Saudi Arabia\*\*, South Africa\*, Spain\*\*, Sudan\*, Sweden\*, Switzerland\*\*, Thailand\*, Tunisia\*\*, Turkey\*\*, Uruguay\*, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)\*\* and Zambia\*\*. One of the List B seats remained vacant\*

\* Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the end of the eighteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2019 (decision GC.16/Dec.9 of 3 December 2015).

\*\* Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the nineteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2021 (decision GC.17/Dec.11 of 30 November 2017).

#### **GC.17/Dec.12 ELECTION OF THE TWENTY-SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE PROGRAMME AND BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The General Conference, in pursuance of Article 10.1 of the Constitution, elected the following twenty-seven members to the Programme and Budget Committee to hold office until the close of the eighteenth regular session of the Conference in 2019:

(a) Fifteen members from States in List A and C of Annex I to the Constitution: Algeria, China, Colombia, Cuba, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Sudan and Tunisia. One of the List C seats remained vacant;

(b) Nine members from States in List B of Annex I to the Constitution: Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey;

(c) Three members from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution: Hungary, Poland and Russian Federation.

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30 November 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.13 SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS OF MEMBER STATES**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of document IDB.45/6;

(b) Also took note of Board decision IDB.45/Dec.8;

(c) Decided to establish a scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2018–2019 based on United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/245](#), 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.

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1 December 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.14 FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNIDO**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Took note of the information provided in document GC.17/5;
- (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.

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1 December 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.15 RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS — ARMENIA**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Took note of decision IDB.44/Dec.6 by which the Industrial Development Board adopted the payment plan for Armenia and restored its voting rights at the level of the Board in accordance with Article 5.2 of the Constitution;
- (b) Welcomed the commitment of Armenia to settle its arrears through a payment plan agreement and took note of the payment of the first two instalments, as reflected in document GC.17/5, paragraph 13;
- (c) Encouraged Armenia to pay regularly its instalments in line with the conditions of the payment plan;
- (d) Gave satisfaction to the request of Armenia for the restoration of its voting rights at the General Conference in accordance with Article 5.2 of the UNIDO Constitution.

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1 December 2017*

#### **GC.17/Dec.16 WORKING CAPITAL FUND**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Took note of Board decision IDB.45/Dec.9;
- (b) Decided that that the level of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2018–2019 should remain at €7,423,030 and that the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2018–2019 should remain the same as for the biennium 2016–2017, 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.

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1 December 2017*

**GC.17/Dec.17 APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The General Conference decided to appoint the Auditor General of the Philippines as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, beginning on 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020, under the terms of references specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

*8th plenary meeting*

*1 December 2017*

**GC.17/Dec.18 PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2018-2019**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Took note of decision IDB.45/Dec.11 whereby the Industrial Development Board adopted the programme and budgets for the biennium 2018–2019, as contained in document IDB.45/5;

(b) Also took note that, in the programme and budgets, the Director General applied decision IDB.39/Dec.7 which stipulates 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;

(c) Approved estimates of regular budget gross expenditures of €139,203,543 to be financed from assessed contributions in the amount of €136,702,043 and other income of €2,501,500;

(d) Also approved estimates of gross expenditures totalling €36,152,400 for the purpose of the operational budget for the biennium 2018–2019 to be financed from the reimbursement of support costs pertaining to technical cooperation and other services in the amount of €35,797,300 and other income amounting to €355,100 as may be provided for in the financial regulations;

(e) Requested the Director General to:

(i) Continue making a contribution to the United Nations Resident Coordinator (UNRC) system and to report to the Industrial Development Board on how UNIDO has maximized its use of the UNRC system to create cost-savings, synergies and efficiencies, and to ensure accountability and transparency for the funds provided by UNIDO to cover its share in the UNRC system;

(ii) Appoint a Gender Coordinator, within the existing resources, with the task to ensure implementation of General Conference resolution GC.16/Res.3 and in particular to ensure gender mainstreaming and gender balance in staffing, with a view to achieving gender parity;

(iii) Allocate a maximum amount of €86,200 for the Audit Advisory Committee and urged the Director General to explore means of reducing the actual expenditure, in the coming biennium;

(f) Took note that the programme and budgets include a 0.772 per cent average rate of net cost increases per annum and recalled that the search for productivity gains and efficiencies must be a continuous management process and therefore requested the Secretariat to report to the next two sessions of the Programme and Budget Committee on new de-prioritization and efficiencies identified and/or implemented between sessions, with the goal to offset the financial impact on Member States of recosting and new expenditure proposals in the budgets for 2018–2019;

(g) Noted that the "Special Resources for Africa" together with voluntary contributions will be used to foster industrialization in Africa and implement UNIDO's leading role assigned in United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/293](#) on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

(h) Requested the Director General to ensure a balanced allocation of resources among Major Programmes, giving due consideration to Major Programme C, during the execution of the programme and budgets, 2018–2019.

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**GC.17/Dec.19 PERSONNEL MATTERS, INCLUDING THE UNIDO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Took note of decisions IDB.44/Dec.13 and IDB.45/Dec.15;
- (b) Approved, in accordance with staff regulation 13.2, the amendments to the following staff regulations set out in annex III (contained in IDB.44/CRP.5):
- (i) Staff regulation 9.2 relating to travel and relocation expenses;
- (ii) Staff regulations 6.1, 6.2, 6.9, 6.10, 6.11, 7.3 and 13.3 and the schedules and annexes to the staff regulations, relating to the periodicity of salary increments, the dependent spouse allowance, the single-parent allowance, dependency allowances for dependent children, the introduction of unified salary scales, staff assessment and home leave;
- (iii) Staff regulation 6.12 relating to the education grant, which shall come into effect as for the school year in progress in January 2018;
- (iv) Staff regulation 12.2 relating to appeals by staff alleging non-observance of the Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;
- (c) Also approved, pursuant to staff regulation 13.1, the amendments to staff regulation 10.2 relating to the mandatory age of separation, set out in annex III (contained in IDB.44/CRP.5), which shall come into effect as of 1 January 2018;
- (d) Decided to elect the following two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2018–2019:
- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Members:    | Ms. Lourdes María Zozaya Rojas (Mexico)<br>Ms. Jane Bosibori Makori (Kenya)         |
| Alternates: | Ms. Katharina Frey Bossoni (Switzerland)<br>Mr. Sulpicio M. Confiado (Philippines); |
- (e) Authorized 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 eighteenth session.

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1 December 2017*

**GC.17/Dec.20 SUPPORT BY THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA TOWARDS THE FINANCING OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION**

*The General Conference:*

- (a) Approved the agreement annexed to document GC.17/14;
- (b) Authorized the Director General to bring the agreement into force for the Organization in accordance with its terms; and
- (c) Requested the Director General to bring significant developments concerning the agreement to the attention of the Board.

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1 December 2017*

**GC.17/Dec.21 DATE AND PLACE OF THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION**

*The General Conference:*

(a) Noted that the eighteenth session of the Conference had been tentatively scheduled for 2 to 6 December 2019 in Vienna, as stated in the annotated agenda (GC.17/1/Add.1);

(b) Requested the Director General to undertake the necessary consultations with any Member States expressing interest to host the eighteenth session of the Conference, with particular regards to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference;

(c) Delegated to the Industrial Development Board, in accordance with Article 8 (2) (b) and Article 8 (4) of the Constitution of UNIDO, the authority to consider and determine at its forty-sixth session the venue and date for the eighteenth session of the General Conference.

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1 December 2017*

**RESOLUTIONS****GC.17/Res.1 MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK, 2018–2021**

*The General Conference:*

*Recalling* its decision GC.2/Dec.23, as amended in decisions GC.6/Dec.10, GC.14/Dec.18, GC.15/Dec.17, and resolution GC.16/Res.1, requesting the Director General to submit to the Board, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a medium-term programme framework,

*Also recalling* Board decision IDB.44/Dec.10, requesting the Director General to submit an updated medium-term programme framework, 2018–2021, to the forty-fifth session of the Board, following the adoption of United Nations General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of United Nations operational activities for development,

*Further recalling* the Lima Declaration: “Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development” (GC.15/Res.1) and the recommendations on management criteria of the “Strategic Guidance Document” (IDB.41/24),

*Desiring* to continue the alignment of UNIDO’s programmatic objectives and priorities with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015) in line with resolution GC.16/Res.2 and with the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (General Assembly resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015), and to consolidate UNIDO’s participation in United Nations system-wide coherence mechanisms, including the United Nations Resident Coordinator system,

*Welcoming* General Assembly resolution [70/293](#) of 25 July 2016 proclaiming the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa, as well as the outcome of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016),

*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 to the Secretariat for its efforts to update the medium-term programme framework and to continuously develop the integrated results and performance framework as a tool to enhance the Organization’s results orientation and monitoring capacity,*

1. *Recognizes* that the medium-term programme framework is an important and flexible tool for the definition of the Organization's strategic priorities and management objectives;
2. *Takes note* of the information provided in the medium-term programme framework, 2018–2021; and *expresses* appreciation for the management objectives to scale up the development impact of its work and to better integrate the Organization's core functions and strategic priorities;
3. *Encourages* UNIDO to continue to focus on creating shared prosperity including by helping countries to generate economic growth and decent jobs, on enhancing economic competitiveness including by helping countries to create local value added in line with international standards, and on safeguarding the environment including by helping countries to reduce emissions, pollution and waste;
4. *Reaffirms* that UNIDO will continue working towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development and thus contribute to sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner;
5. *Welcomes* the proposal of developing “strengthening knowledge and institutions” as a new strategic priority, and *takes note* of the Director General's report (GC.17/6) which provided further information to the General Conference on how this would relate to and enrich the existing strategic priorities, including by carrying out studies that extrapolate lessons learned and best practices from the projects and programmes carried out thus far;
6. *Reiterates* the importance of the four, complementary core functions of the Organization, and stresses that technical cooperation remain the primary operative function of UNIDO, and that complementary functions of policy analysis and advice; norms and standard-related activities; and convening and partnerships should be closely linked to present and future technical cooperation activities by, among others, supporting the preparation, implementation and evaluation of projects and programmes;
7. *Invites* the Director General to foster dialogues with UNIDO's institutional counterparts and stakeholders in the context of technical cooperation activities, in order to mobilize resources for such activities and identify policies, norms, best practices, programmes and instruments that advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development;
8. *Recognizes* that statistics, research, policy analysis and advice can support evidence-based policymaking, and *encourages* the Director General to draw lessons from evaluations of technical cooperation projects and programmes and to make use of this evidence base for the development of good practice handbooks, policy toolkits and other forms of guidance on inclusive and sustainable industrial development;
9. *Welcomes* the Organization's plans to raise the impact of UNIDO's services by leveraging resources from the private and public sector, development finance institutions, investment funds and other relevant external partners, moving towards bigger-sized projects and programmes, while stressing the need for the Organization to keep responding to the demands of all its developing Member States by means of technical cooperation projects in line with their needs and priorities;
10. *Notes* the participation of UNIDO in global governance forums as a means to share the knowledge and raise the institutional profile of the Organization, and *requests* the Director General to keep Member States fully and timely informed on any reports, inputs or services provided to such forums, within UNIDO's existing mandate;
11. *Welcomes* the inclusion of gender considerations in the preparation of this medium-term programme framework and, in line with resolution GC.16/Res.3, *encourages* the Director General, to further advance the promotion of gender equality

and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the framework, particularly under the priority of “creating shared prosperity”;

12. *Recognizes* the efforts of the Secretariat to develop new, and sharpen existing, tools to enhance its results-based management approach and to regularly report on the Organization’s performance and development results and on its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals;

13. *Acknowledges* UNIDO’s responsibility as the custodian agency of six industry-related indicators under SDG 9, and *requests* the Director General to strengthen statistical capacity-building efforts on the respective indicators;

14. *Takes note* of the integrated results and performance framework (IDB.45/2, part II, and PBC.33/CRP.5) which forms an integral part of the medium-term programme framework, and *encourages* the Director General to ensure that the integrated results and performance framework is updated to reflect the changes in the medium-term programme framework, and, when necessary, further developed in consultation with Member States;

15. *Requests* the Director General to further elaborate the budgetary framework of the medium-term programme framework by developing a resource mobilization strategy which should, inter alia, define the scale of extrabudgetary resources for technical cooperation activities and identify new sources of funding for the non-technical cooperation activities;

16. *Invites* the Director General to continue to regularly report on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework in the annual report.

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## **GC.17/Res.2 UNIDO AND THE PROGRAMME FOR COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP<sup>2</sup>**

*The General Conference:*

*Welcoming* the adoption, in 2015, of United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and also welcoming UNIDO’s General Conference resolution GC.16/Res.2, which calls on UNIDO to align all its activities with the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

*Underlining* the importance of adoption of the Lima Declaration that among others stresses the relevance of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) as a major contribution to sustainable development,

*Also underlining* in this respect the importance of making concrete progress on ISID, through projects and programmes that focus on clean economic growth, decent job creation and poverty eradication in particular in the least developed countries,

*Recalling* the update medium-term programme framework for the period 2018–2021 which refers to the programme for country partnerships (PCP) as a way to scale up resource effectiveness, leverage investment and achieve long-term results for ISID based on a strong country ownership (IDB.45/8/Add.2, para. 74),

*Welcoming* the continuing efforts of the Secretariat to find new approaches to delivering UNIDO’s technical assistance in a way that creates synergies with other public and private sector organizations with a view to maximizing the positive impact and to the contribution to ISID in developing countries and to the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

<sup>2</sup> Draft resolution submitted by the European Union and its Member States, and co-sponsored by Peru.



*Also welcoming* the PCPs as a new approach for delivering and upscaling the impact of UNIDO's work, as it:

- (a) Is based on an agreed inclusive and sustainable industrialization plan with the beneficiary country authorities as a basis for a long-term commitment;
- (b) Allows for the mobilization of public and private resources;
- (c) Aims at the increase of production and export capacity, and thus creation of jobs and economic growth;

*Recognizing* that PCP is a tool to support national industrialization policies and plans,

*Noting* that countries under PCP make contributions, among others, with their own financial and human resources to implement the programme,

*Welcoming* the results achieved so far in the implementation of the pilot PCPs in Ethiopia, Senegal and Peru, as reported in the draft midterm evaluation,

*Recalling* decision IDB.43/Dec.8, paragraph (f), *acknowledging* the news on the extension of the pilot PCP to the new countries Cambodia and Kyrgyzstan; *Welcoming* a note to Member States on these and future extensions,

*Taking note* with appreciation, and *supporting* the intention of the Director General to expand the pilot PCPs to other countries,

1. *Requests* the Director General to share results of the midterm evaluation of the pilot PCPs as soon as these are available, together with the management response and an indication of the main lessons learned and how these will be integrated in subsequent PCPs;
2. *Invites* the Director General to regularly brief Member States on the PCPs and to have a fruitful exchange of information and dialogue with Member States, thus helping particularly those that want to be considered for a PCP to get acquainted with the high-level engagement that this will require;
3. *Encourages* UNIDO, in close consultations with the candidate Member States, to make use of the above-mentioned exchange of information and dialogue to mobilize potential private and public sector partners for the implementation of the PCP from an early stage onward.

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### **GC.17/Res.3 UNIDO, GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN<sup>3</sup>**

*The General Conference:*

*Recalling* resolution GC.16/Res.3 on UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women, in which the Director General was requested to implement the actions outlined in the UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy, 2016–2019 (GC.16/8) and align UNIDO's programmes and projects with the goals and targets regarding gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls as spelled out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

*Recalling also* the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1), which recognizes the role industry plays in providing opportunities for social inclusion, including gender equality, empowering all women and girls and creating decent employment for the youth,

<sup>3</sup> Draft resolution submitted by Norway, and co-sponsored by Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Finland, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, and the European Union and its Member States.

*Recalling further* the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, realizing that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Sustainable Development Goals and targets thereof,

*Reaffirming* all relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions pertaining to issues related to gender mainstreaming and women's economic empowerment,

*Taking note* of the Director General's report on the implementation of resolution GC.16/Res.3 as contained in document GC.17/7,

*Expressing appreciation* for the activities undertaken by UNIDO to implement the Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy, 2016–2019 (GC.16/8), including, inter alia, increasing women's access to productive resources, creating enabling conditions for women's entrepreneurship and job creation, and building the knowledge and capacity for gender-responsive industrial development,

*Welcoming* the adoption of the UNIDO policy on prohibition, prevention and resolution of harassment, including sexual harassment, discrimination and abuse of authority (DGB/2016/13),

*Noting* that UNIDO has made significant efforts towards full gender parity in staffing, and that further acceleration and results-oriented actions are needed, in conformity with United Nations Charter Article 101, to achieve full parity,

*Welcoming* the Director General's leadership in promoting gender equality by joining the Vienna International Gender Champions,

1. *Requests* the Director General to scale up the implementation of gender mainstreaming and, where relevant, set up gender-specific interventions and targeted actions in all three thematic priority areas outlined in the UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy 2016–2019, namely (i) creating shared prosperity, (ii) advancing economic competitiveness, and (iii) safeguarding the environment, including by maintaining a strong commitment to promote the role of women as drivers of poverty reduction, social cohesion and key agents in addressing the impacts of environmental changes;

2. *Encourages* the Director General to fully implement relevant performance indicators of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNSWAP);

3. *Requests* the Director General to strengthen efforts to achieve gender parity in the staffing of the Organization, including through drawing on best practices and lessons learned for gender balanced recruitment and measures to create an enabling environment as described in the United Nations System-wide Strategy on Gender Parity (2017);

4. *Invites* the Member States to promote gender balance in UNIDO events, panels and decision-making processes;

5. *Encourages* the Director General to promote gender balance in UNIDO events, panels and other forums when reaching out to external experts;

6. *Also encourages* the Director General to continue organizing events and panels, with private and public sector participation, to contribute to better understanding of the gender and industrialization nexus and women's economic empowerment issues;

7. *Requests* the Director General to ensure that corporate and country-level strategic documents, including the programme and budgets, the medium-term programme framework, country programmes and programmes for country partnership, mainstream a gender perspective through dedicated gender equality outcomes and indicators;

8. *Also requests* the Director General to continue to support Member States for the systematic collection, analysis and use of sex-disaggregated and gender

industrial statistics and data, and invite donors to consider providing extrabudgetary resources to strengthen these efforts, and to disseminate such data through publications, including UNIDO's flagship reports, in order to assess progress towards achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women in the context of industrial development and Sustainable Development Goals 9 and 5;

9. *Encourages* the Director General to mobilize extrabudgetary resources and multi-stakeholder partnerships for further advancing gender equality and women's economic empowerment in the context of industrial development and for UNIDO's activities in this area;

10. *Requests* the Director General to continue to strengthen UNIDO's efforts to increase women's economic empowerment through its capacity-building programmes on improving market access and the availability of financial resources and information and communication technology;

11. *Also requests* the Director General to strengthen UNIDO's promotion of women's entrepreneurship and leadership, inter alia, through educational projects and through promotion and internationalization of women-owned or -led small and medium-sized enterprises and their integration into global value chains, including by means of business-to-business and business-to-customer platforms;

12. *Encourages* the Director General to ensure that senior managers provide strong leadership and support to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women as an integral part of UNIDO's work, including through gender-sensitive management practices, gender mainstreaming and targeted women's economic empowerment projects, as well as joint initiatives in the United Nations system;

13. *Requests* the Director General to submit to the General Conference at its eighteenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to present an updated Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy to be implemented starting in 2020.

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#### **GC.17/Res.4 UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT<sup>4</sup>**

*The General Conference:*

*Welcoming* the adoption in 2015 of, and subsequent follow-up to, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the twenty-first Conference of the Parties (COP 21) Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) held in Marrakesh, Morocco, as well as the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 23) held in Bonn, Germany,

*Underlining* the importance of making concrete progress on inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the interest of clean economic growth, decent jobs and poverty eradication, and to realize the Sustainable Development Goals as requested in resolution GC.16/Res.2 on "UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development",

*Recalling* previous General Conference resolutions on energy and the environment and in particular resolution GC.8/Res.2 on the Global Environment Facility, resolution GC.15/Res.4 on UNIDO activities in energy and environment, and resolution GC.16/Res.2 on UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals,

<sup>4</sup> Submitted by the European Union and its Member States, and co-sponsored by Belarus.

*Taking note* of the information provided in the report by the Director General on UNIDO activities related to energy and environment (GC.17/9) and welcoming the concrete outcomes of UNIDO's energy and environment services, technical cooperation projects and programmes,

*Acknowledging* the positive contribution of the Organization's implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and its positive role in the promotion of energy efficiency, resource efficiency and renewable energy in manufacturing processes,

*Recalling* that UNIDO, under the medium-term programme framework (MTPF), 2018–2021 (IDB.45/8/Add.2), is expected, under the strategic priority of safeguarding the environment, to advance environmentally sustainable industrial development including by facilitating resource efficiency, and the sound treatment and disposal of wastes,

1. *Welcomes* UNIDO's activities in the area of energy and the environment that are good for business, because they cut costs, good for poverty eradication, because they create jobs including for women and youth, and good for the environment because they reduce pollution, waste and emissions,

2. *Requests* the Director General:

(a) To strengthen the implementation and efficiency of UNIDO programmes co-financed by the Global Environment Facility, the Multilateral Fund for Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, bilateral donors and multi-donor initiatives in industry-related energy and environment fields, with a results-based approach and giving particular attention to the developmental impact of these programmes in the field, including the capacity-building and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, required to create conditions for more sustainable patterns of production and to report on these projects and programmes to the Industrial Development Board in such a way that they can serve as a model for future projects and programmes;

(b) To expand appropriate cooperation mechanisms, networks, partnerships, and agreements on the implementation of projects and initiatives, with other international and regional organizations in the field of energy and environment, to build on complementarities, create synergies and increase efficiency and effectiveness;

(c) To strengthen, without prejudice to the other core activities, the existing portfolio of projects and programmes of UNIDO on the productive and sustainable management of resources, including waste, and to further pursue existing and emerging projects aimed at the development of eco-industrial parks in developing and emerging economies;

(d) To foster, in line with national needs and priorities, the transfer of know-how and technology on mutually agreed terms, in the fields of energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy in industrial processes, particularly in developing countries;

(e) To also strengthen the role of UNIDO in promoting and disseminating international energy management standards and best practices of industrial energy efficiency, in line with the fourth strategic priority of the MTPF, and in this context to carry out studies that extrapolate lessons learned and best practices from the projects and programmes carried out thus far, and report on them to the Industrial Development Board in such a way that they can serve as a model for future projects and programmes;

(f) To continue UNIDO's work on the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN), in line with the decisions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with the objective to provide developing country parties with cutting-edge technical assistance for climate technologies development and transfer; and to mobilize funds from existing as well as new donors; utilizing also

opportunities provided, inter alia, through the work undertaken by UNIDO on the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) and the CTCN;

(g) To continue UNIDO's participation in the Global Mercury Partnership, the United Nations Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) and other relevant partnerships;

(h) To incorporate support towards implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in all projects and programmes, and report overall progress of this process to Member States and to the Industrial Development Board using, inter alia, the established indicators for the relevant goals to allow for reporting to the high-level political forum;

(i) To undertake informal briefings on circular economy, with a view to providing Member States with relevant information and having a consultative exchange on this concept and its best practices;

(j) To report to the forty-sixth session of the Industrial Development Board on further developments regarding the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **GC.17/Res.5 VIENNA MINISTERIAL DECLARATION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

*The General Conference:*

*Reaffirming* the urgent need to take action to accelerate the least developed countries' (LDCs) graduation process and *pledging* that no country will be left behind, as reiterated in the Lima Declaration of 2013, in a collaborative partnership between all countries and all stakeholders,

*Bearing in mind* that LDCs' development partners are ready to provide strategic contribution for the implementation of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) through building global partnership within the framework of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

*Recognizing* the importance of the recommendations contained in the Political Declaration adopted by the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the IPoA for LDCs covering the Decade 2011-2020, held in Antalya, Turkey, from 27 to 29 May 2016, and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [70/294](#) of 25 July 2016,

*Taking note* of the Vienna Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries entitled "Building global partnerships: Enhancing growth and inclusiveness in LDCs" and adopted by the Ministerial Conference convened in Vienna on 23 and 24 November 2017, as contained in the annex to the present resolution,

1. *Invites* the Director General, to take special account of the needs of LDCs and to enhance international multi-stakeholder cooperation, with the focus on industrialization particularly through productive capacity-building, aiding as a dynamic force for structural transformation of LDCs' economies with an aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and SDG 9 in particular;

2. *Calls on* all UNIDO Member States, traditional and new donor countries and private sector partners in collaboration with LDCs, to continue their joint efforts towards mobilizing adequate resources for UNIDO geared towards:

(i) Increased UNIDO technical cooperation and advisory service programmes including focusing on creating jobs and economic growth and reduce pollution and emissions;

- (ii) Enhanced access to clean and renewable energy, infrastructure, and innovation;
- (iii) Fostering youth and women entrepreneurship and decent employment;
- (iv) Improving agriculture processing and food security;

to achieve ISID in LDCs;

3. *Urges* least developed countries' governments to continue to strengthen the underlying investment climate, establishing and maintaining national investment promotion facilities, as well as mainstreaming multilateral trade agreements into national policy through multilateral trade agreements to support the design of effective production and export initiatives of goods and services in LDCs in order to accelerate and foster their graduation process;

4. *Calls upon* all members to provide duty- and quota-free access for exports from LDCs where such arrangements do not already exist;

5. *Encourages* all UNIDO Members States, traditional and new donor countries and private sector partners to implement innovative cooperation schemes and mechanisms as identified, discussed and agreed upon during the seventh edition of the LDC Ministerial Conference, in order to facilitate an effective private-public sector dialogue in LDCs;

6. *Requests* the Director General to report on related UNIDO activities to the Industrial Development Board at its forty-sixth session and the General Conference at its eighteenth session.

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## Annex

### Ministerial Declaration:

#### **“Building global partnerships: Enhancing growth and inclusiveness in LDCs”**

**Vienna, 24 November 2017**

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*We, the Ministers of Industry, Trade and/or Commerce, and/or Heads of Delegation, participating in the seventh UNIDO Least Developed Countries (LDC) Ministerial Conference,*

*Gathered* here in Vienna, Austria, from 23 to 24 November 2017, to provide strategic guidance for the implementation of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) through building global partnerships for LDCs within the framework of the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

*Guided* by the Charter of the United Nations and the principles set out in resolution [70/1](#) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its seventieth session, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and its recognition of the shared responsibility for people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnership,

*Recalling* the IPoA, adopted at the Fourth United Nations Conference on LDCs and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [65/280](#) of 17 June 2011, in which the Assembly calls upon all relevant stakeholders to commit to implementing the Programme of Action to enable graduation from the LDC category,

*Recalling* the Political Declaration adopted by the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the IPoA for LDCs covering the Decade 2011–2020, held in Antalya, Turkey, from 27 to 29 May 2016, and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [70/294](#) of 25 July 2016,

*Taking note* of the Ministerial Declaration for the high-level segment of the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council and the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, convened under the auspices of the Council, adopted on 14 July 2017,

*Taking note* of the Ministerial Declaration of LDCs during the General Assembly on 22 September 2017,

*Welcoming* with appreciation the reports by the Secretary-General surrounding the implementation of the Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2011-2020, as well as the flagship report of the United Nations Office of the High Representative for LDCs, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS), entitled State of LDCs 2017,

*Emphasizing* the importance of the outcomes of all recent major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environment, and related fields, *including*:

- *The Third International Conference on Financing for Development*
- *The Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and*
- *The six previous LDC Ministerial Conferences organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UN-OHRLLS.*

*Recognizing* that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge, and that manufacturing and industrialization are dynamic forces in fostering inclusive and sustainable socioeconomic development,

*Reaffirming* that all countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnerships, should take the bold steps that are urgently needed to accelerate LDCs' path to graduation and pledge that no country will be left behind in the process as reiterated in the Lima Declaration,

*Taking note* of UNIDO's major achievements in support of LDCs, following six years of implementation of its LDC Operational Strategy, and four years after the endorsement of the UNIDO Lima Declaration,

*Taking note also* of the achievements by UN-OHRLLS in facilitating coordinated implementation and consistency in the follow-up and monitoring of the IPoA, as well as the work of all related United Nations bodies in this regard,

*Endorse* the Declaration of the 7th UNIDO LDC Ministerial Conference hereby contained in Annex 1.

### ***Annex 1:***

#### **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

1. National development efforts within the context of the 2030 Agenda need to be supported by viable partnerships for sustainable development in a mutually beneficial scenario at global and regional levels to achieve the priorities cited in the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA);

2. We take note with appreciation of the progress made towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by several least developed countries (LDCs) and emphasize that much more is required in order to proceed towards achieving the SDGs across all LDCs;

3. We reiterate that the LDCs' path to graduation requires enhanced focus on inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) as a catalyst for structural transformation, economic diversification, and decent employment, within the framework of the SDG targets in general, and SDG 9 in particular;

4. We recall the political declaration of the IPoA Midterm Review restating that development partners should align their national development cooperation strategies with the Programme of Action, by complying with the official development assistance targets set in the IPoA, in order to fully achieve its overarching goals and thus contribute to the realization of the SDGs;

#### **Technical cooperation and advisory service programmes**

5. We urge UNIDO to continue pursuing its technical cooperation programmes, advisory services and global forums geared towards LDCs at contributing to poverty eradication;

6. We reaffirm our commitment to implementing the IPoA by integrating the provision of ISID into our national policies and development frameworks in order to assist each of the remaining 47 LDCs to graduate;

7. We request that UNIDO expands and/or mainstreams its Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) model, initiated and piloted in Senegal, Peru and Ethiopia, to other LDCs in all regions, taking into account lessons learned from the recent midterm evaluation and best practices;

#### **Partnership-development**

8. We reiterate that the collaboration between UNIDO, the United Nations Secretariat, and in particular UN-OHRLLS, United Nations sister agencies, and other development partners/agencies, to support LDCs on their path to graduation is vital and should be strengthened. In particular by intensifying technical assistance and capacity-building activities, while identifying sound financial and innovative investment schemes/mechanisms that will facilitate the implementation objectives and actions set by the IPoA;

9. We extend congratulations to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), and the African Union Commission (AUC) for their efforts in the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA3), especially for the development of a road map as well as the mobilization of crucial partners for its implementation. In this regard we call upon the United Nations General Assembly to endorse that such industrialization schemes be developed for the Asia and the Pacific region with particular emphasis placed on LDCs;

10. We recognize the importance of building productive capacity being a critical enabler for the development and graduation of LDCs and emphasize that the development of physical infrastructure is an important prerequisite for sustained economic growth and development. Significant amounts of investment and technology are essential to bridge the existing savings-investment gap in LDCs, including through private-public partnerships, innovative financing, regional integration, and setting up appropriate institutions and regulations;

11. We strongly acknowledge the need to deepen and upscale North-South, South-South, and triangular cooperation, through a more institutionalized and innovative approach to collaboration that will positively impact the implementation process of the IPoA;

#### **Investment-promotion**

12. We emphasize the important role of multi-stakeholder partnership-building in the area of investment-promotion. In this regard, we encourage the relevant United Nations agencies to establish a Capacity Development Programme for LDCs in order for Investment Promotion Agencies to attract, diversify and retain sustainable Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and derive maximum benefit from it and, to foster private sector development in LDCs, thereby contributing to their sustainable graduation;



13. We welcome the decision contained in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to adopt and implement investment-promotion schemes for LDCs. These include the provision of financial and technical support for the preparation of projects and negotiation of contracts, advisory support in investment-related dispute resolution, access to information on investment facilities and risk insurance and guarantees, such as utilizing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency;

14. We commit to strengthen the underlying investment climate, with enhanced support provided by development partners and international financial institutions, including through improving predictability, governance, and transparency, as well as in procurement practices and policies;

### **Energy, infrastructure, and innovation**

15. We stress the importance of building resilient infrastructure, including renewable energy and information and communications technology for productive purposes, along with fostering innovation through the transfer of knowledge and technology, which are critical to effectively engage in the new industrial revolution (Industry 4.0), allowing LDCs to prosper and progress on their path to graduation;

16. We welcome the analytical work that UN-OHRLLS and other United Nations entities have undertaken with respect to enhancing access to sustainable energy in LDCs and call for stronger partnerships and new financing models to push forward sustainable energy transition in a way that enables LDCs to develop and deploy new and cost-effective energy sources and technologies;

17. We welcome the establishment of the Technology Bank for LDCs by the General Assembly, and appreciate the critical contributions by UN-OHRLLS and the Government of Turkey towards its operationalization in 2017, as set out in the 2030 Agenda under target 17.8. We further call upon other development partners to make substantial contributions to the successful start-up of the Bank and its effective functioning;

18. We take note of the need to strive towards circular economic production in order to design products for durability and recyclability with the view to mitigating industrialization's environmental impacts, and to engage in new transformation methods;

### **Youth, women, and entrepreneurship**

19. We acknowledge the necessity to foster the inclusion of vulnerable segments of our populations, especially youth and women, who represent untapped potential which needs to be actively involved in the inclusive and sustainable industrial development of our countries with the objective being the acceleration of our graduation from the LDC category;

20. In this regard, we encourage and pledge to support the striving youth, and female entrepreneurs in LDCs to assume their role as agents of development, change, and modernity, thus accelerating sustainable development;

### **Conflict mitigation and resilience-building**

21. We stress that the particular challenges faced by some LDCs in post-conflict situations, including human, economic, and social implications, need to be recognized in order to promote and enhance their stability with a view to achieving sustainable development, specifically SDG 16;

22. We stress the importance of working together with all stakeholders to further develop and implement concrete measures at the national and international levels in order to build the resilience of LDCs to withstand economic shocks and mitigate their adverse effects to endure and overcome the harsh effects of climate

change, to enhance sustainable growth and protect biodiversity, and to withstand natural hazards in order to reduce the risks of disasters, as agreed upon in the IPoA;

23. We take note with appreciation of UNIDO's support to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to respond to the challenges of climate change and their needs for economic development as demonstrated by the Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE), which was inaugurated on 26 April 2017 in Tonga with the support of UNIDO, SIDS DOCKs and the Government of Austria;

#### **Food security**

24. We are deeply concerned that the world is facing one of the largest food crises in 70 years, with 20 million people in four countries<sup>5</sup> at risk of facing famine. Of the 23 countries in which the severity and magnitude of acute food insecurity is very high, 18 are LDCs with a combined population of around 72 million;

25. We note that food insecurity is a result of low agricultural productivity. We thus call upon the international community, especially our development partners and the private sector, to elevate their partnership efforts and build more synergies to help increase agricultural productivity and rural incomes in order to eliminate emergencies once and for all;

#### **Multilateral Trade Agreements**

26. We underline the necessity for multilateral trade agreements to support the design of effective production and export initiatives of goods and services in LDCs in order to accelerate and foster their graduation process;

#### **The way forward**

27. We strongly call upon all countries and all partners to ensure adequate financing for the development and implementation of country-specific and regional operational strategies, projects, and programmes for the eradication of absolute poverty;

28. Finally, in the three years remaining to achieve the goals set out by the IPoA, robust synergies and complementarities between the Programme of Action, the 2030 Agenda, and other recent frameworks need to be aligned at regional, national and global levels, to ensure growth and inclusiveness for all.

*[Adopted in Vienna, Austria, on 24 November 2017]*

### **GC.17/Res.6 SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES<sup>6</sup>**

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* the Lima Declaration: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (GC.15/Res.1),

*Recalling also* the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on industrial development cooperation (A/RES/71/242) and on development cooperation (A/RES/70/215) with middle-income countries,

*Recalling further* General Conference resolution GC.15/Res.5 on industrial development in middle-income countries,

<sup>5</sup> Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen, and north-eastern Nigeria.

<sup>6</sup> Draft resolution submitted by Belarus, and co-sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Kenya, Mexico, Panama and the Philippines.

*Recalling* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes, inter alia, that all countries, including middle-income countries, still face significant challenges in achieving sustainable development,

*Noting* that inclusive and sustainable industrial development can effectively contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals and targets, integrating, in a balanced manner, the three dimensions of sustainable development,

*Taking note* of the outcomes of the international conferences on development cooperation with middle-income countries held in Madrid on 1 and 2 March 2007, in San Salvador on 3 and 4 October 2007, in Windhoek from 4 to 6 August 2008 and in San José from 12 to 14 June 2013,

*Noting* the regional conferences on development cooperation with middle-income countries held in Cairo on 11 and 12 March 2008, in Minsk on 16 and 17 May 2013, in Amman on 23 May 2013 and in Minsk on 23 and 24 April 2015,

*Taking note* of the report of the Director General on UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries (GC.17/12),

*Recognizing* that a large number of Member States of UNIDO are middle-income countries,

1. *Requests* the Director General to continue the activities of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, to support the efforts of middle-income countries to eradicate extreme poverty in all its forms and dimensions, to reduce poverty and inequalities and to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

2. *Also requests* the Director General to continue, in cooperation with other United Nations agencies and in line with UNIDO's mandate, to help addressing many diverse and specific development challenges of middle-income countries and to formulate programmes and projects accordingly;

3. *Further requests* the Director General to identify and discuss with Member States a strategic framework for collaboration of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, with middle-income countries aiming at facilitating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in this group of countries as part of a more comprehensive United Nations system-wide approach and to submit proposals on such strategy to the forty-sixth session of the Industrial Development Board;

4. *Invites* the Director General to advance UNIDO's international industrial cooperation activities with and to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries, and *requests* the Director General to continue reporting on such activities to the General Conference.

*8th plenary meeting  
1 December 2017*

## Annex

## Documents submitted to the General Conference at its seventeenth regular session

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IDB.45/10/Add.2	11(d)	Candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director General