

## **IDB.27/Dec.9 SUPPORT TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled the endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly, in resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, of the Brussels Declaration and Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, as adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001;

(b) Recalled also resolution 2002/33 of 26 July 2002 of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations General Assembly resolutions 56/227 of 24 December 2001 and 57/276 of 20 December 2002, in which the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations were invited to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 within their programmes of work;

(c) Recalled further the Rabat Declaration on the Least Developed Countries issued in June 2003, as a contribution of the Group of 77 and China to give priority to the efforts aiming at implementing the programmes intended for the least developed countries;

(d) Recalled, in particular, the recommendations for the industrialization of the least developed countries in the Business Plan of UNIDO and in subsequent mandates of the UNIDO governing bodies, including resolutions GC.7/Res.4 and GC.9/Res.2 and Board decision IDB.23/Dec.10 on UNIDO involvement in the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(e) Took into account the priority given to least developed countries in the strategic guidelines "Towards improved UNIDO programme delivery", as adopted by the Board in decision IDB.26/Dec.7;

(f) Noted with satisfaction the valuable support given and measures taken by UNIDO, as reported in the *Annual Report 2002* (IDB.27/2, chap. IV.A), in line with the priorities identified in the Business Plan;

(g) Stressed the importance of coordination between UNIDO and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States established by the United Nations General Assembly in resolution 56/227;

(h) Resolved that UNIDO, in accordance with its Business Plan, should continue to give special attention to the least developed countries in its programme activities in order to contribute to the effective implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action and invited the Director-General to take necessary measures in that regard;

(i) Also invited the Director-General to take into account the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in formulating and implementing UNIDO activities.

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28 August 2003*