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Unutilized balances of appropriations

Report by the Director General

In compliance with General Conference decision GC.14/Dec.14, the present report provides information on the amounts of unutilized balances of appropriations that were renounced by Member States and how these funds are being used in order to strengthen UNIDO programmes.

Introduction

1. At the fourteenth session of the UNIDO General Conference in December 2011, Member States were encouraged to “consider voluntarily renouncing their shares of the unutilized balances of appropriations to strengthen the programmes of UNIDO” (decision GC.14/Dec.14). The present report outlines the amounts of unutilized balances of appropriations that became available at 31 December 2012 and were renounced by Member States by 15 March 2013.

2. As of the reporting date a total of 11 Member States renounced their shares of unutilized balances, resulting in a total amount of €707,963 being made available for UNIDO programmes as outlined below. A full list of the Member States that renounced their shares of unutilized balances and the amounts involved is contained in an annex to the present document. Several countries have indicated that they are still considering their position and will inform the Secretariat at a later date.

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Allocation of funds

3. Out of eleven Member States, four (Burkina Faso, Finland, New Zealand and Norway) indicated that their shares should be used for strengthening the programmes of UNIDO in general. Two Member States (Brazil and Mexico) declared that their shares would be available for the newly created Trust Fund for Latin America and the Caribbean. Denmark and Sweden indicated that their shares should be used for various purposes described in paragraph 14 (b) of the Director General's report on unutilized balances of appropriations (GC.14/18). Thailand requested that its share should be put into Thailand's Industrial Development Fund account whereas Poland and Switzerland have identified specific technical cooperation activities to be financed from their respective shares.

4. As reported in document IDB.40/8, a trust fund for Latin America and the Caribbean was established. The Secretariat is working jointly with the Group of Latin America and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) on the terms of reference for the utilization of the trust fund. It is expected that these terms of references will be finalized during the second quarter of 2013. The amount currently available from the trust fund is €513,505.

Action required of the Committee

5. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the present document.

Annex**Amounts of unutilized balances renounced by Member States**

<i>Member State</i>	<i>Total renounced (€)</i>
Brazil	40,454
Burkina Faso	304
Denmark	89,863
Finland	65,606
Mexico	42,506
New Zealand	29,604
Norway	81,985
Poland	49,072
Sweden	127,695
Switzerland	151,227
Thailand	29,647
Total	707,963
