



G77 VIENNA CHAPTER SUMMARY REPORT 2010 OF THE CHAIRPERSON H.E.Mrs TAOUS FEROUKHI, AMBASSADOR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ALGERIA

The activities of the Group of 77 during the year 2010 took place in a context of the occurrence of natural disasters in different regions of the World, as well as the international economic and financial crisis which resulted, among others, in the increase of prices, in particular of food commodities, a burden for the majority of developing countries.

UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (UNIDO)

Task Force Leader: Mr. Eduardo Da Costa Farias, PM of Brazil

During the year 2010 the G77 held a total of 18 meetings on UNIDO matters (12 task force meetings and 6 plenary sessions). A total of 3 statements were delivered on behalf of the Group during the regular sessions of the Industrial Development Board (IDB) and the Programme and Budget Committee (PBC), the two main Policy-making Organs of the Organization.

The G77 actively participated in the deliberations of the IDB and the PBC with the objective of fostering UNIDO's international cooperation and technical assistance for enhancing capacity-building in developing countries within UNIDO's activities in the following areas: energy and environment; poverty alleviation through productive activities and youth employment; trade; agribusiness and agro-industries including local pharmaceutical industry with special regard to essential health products as well.

The G77 efforts are also conceived as a contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's). In this regard, the final document adopted by the MDG's Summit, held in New York (September 2010), emphasized the UNIDO's crucial role related to industrial development including agro industry for sustainable development and for an increased productive employment opportunities.

The G77 welcomed the progress achieved in the mobilization of funds for technical assistance and the new concept of UNIDO's country evaluation as an effective mechanism for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of UNIDO's delivery. The Group also welcomed the Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal (PCOR) which includes regional programmes, operations in the field representation and decentralization of financial operations as well.

In this connection the Group is willing to hold more regular meetings with the Secretariat on the status and implementation of UNIDO's ongoing programmes and initiatives.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA)

Task Force Leaders: Mr. Usman Jadoon, PM of Pakistan and Ms. Sharon Rivera PM of the Philippines

In the year 2010, the Group of 77 held a total of 69 meetings of the Friends of the Chair, Task Force and Plenary. A total of 14 statements were delivered on behalf of the G77 during the regular sessions of the Board of Governors and its subsidiary bodies.

The G77 actively participated in the deliberations of the Agency's Policy-Making Organs, with the view to achieving a more balanced approach among the three pillars of the IAEA: promotion of peaceful uses of the atom for socio-economic development; safety and security and application of safeguard agreements.

The Group was engaged in the informal consultations and discussions related to the maintenance of the FAO/IAEA Joint Division; the Agency's Nuclear Security Plan for 2010-2013; the Working Group on the Future of the Agency; the Working Group on the Medium Term Strategy 2012-2017; the Working Group on Financing the Agency's Activities and the Working Group on TC project INT/0/085.

In this context, the Group deployed constant efforts in order that high priority is given to the Agency's Technical Cooperation Programme (TC), the vehicle for the dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge, thus facilitating transfer of nuclear technology for peaceful uses. The Group emphasized the need for strengthening the IAEA's international cooperation and technical assistance aimed at responding to the growing needs of developing countries for nuclear applications in the areas of health, agriculture, water resources, environment and industry including nuclear power programmes.

The Board of Governors adopted the G77 proposal on future meaningful negotiations on the nature of TC funding, fully dependent on voluntary contributions, which proportion doesn't grow together with the increased Membership of the Agency. While emphasizing the importance of ownership of the programmes, the Group requests more transparency in the implementation of policy management and administrative reforms, particularly on issues related to financial and human resource management including the hiring of consultants and utilization of cost-free experts.

Concerning nuclear security, the Group stresses the primary responsibility of the State in this field, while encouraging cooperation and assistance upon request aimed at enhancing sustainable national nuclear safety and security capabilities of Member States.

On the establishment of LEU fuel bank under the aegis of the IAEA, the G77 still of the view that there is a need to clarify the issues raised pertaining to political, legal, technical and economic grounds related to the proposals on Assurance of Supply of nuclear fuel.

The G77 actively prepared the 54th regular session of the IAEA General Conference, taking into account the theme of its Scientific Forum devoted to cancer treatment in developing countries. The General Conference adopted the resolutions presented by the G77 namely: "Strengthening the Technical Cooperation Activities of the Agency" (GC[54]/RES/9); Strengthening the Agency's activities related to nuclear science, technology and applications", including cancer (GC[54]/RES/10); "Support to AUPATTEC"; "Development of SIT for the control or eradication of malaria-transmitting mosquitoes", and "Strengthening the support to Member States in food and agriculture".

UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

G77 Task Force Leader: Ms. Sitona Osman, PM of Sudan

During the year 2010 the Group of 77 held a total of 51 meetings on UNODC matters (16 plenary meetings and 35 Task Force Meetings). A total of 7 statements were delivered on behalf of the Group during the sessions of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (TOC), the Crime Congress and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND).

The Group actively participated in the deliberations of the 12th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in Salvador, Brazil; the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ); the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND); the Conference of the States Parties to the UN TOC Convention.

The Group was actively engaged in the working Group on Finance and Governance (FINGOV) of UNODC co-chaired by Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cuba. The Group brought to the attention of the new Executive Director, Mr. Yury Fedotov, and the G77 in New York, the urgent need to ensure sustainable and predictable resources required for the fulfillment of UNODC's mandate. The Group strived to ensure the ownership of the programmes and initiatives, as well as the extension of the FINGOV mandate in order to allow the continuation of the work on the of finance and governance issues.

The Group actively encouraged the promotion of the UN instruments as useful vehicle in the field of prevention and fight against the multi-dimensional challenges posed by the world drug and crime problems. The Group stressed the need for an improvement of the knowledge of the root causes involving economic, social and political aspects in fighting transnational threats including the new and emerging ones such as cyber crime, cultural property, smuggling in migrants, child pornography, trafficking in human beings, environment.

The Group deployed efforts in order that high priority is given to international cooperation and technical assistance in the area of exchange of information, extradition and mutual legal assistance. The Group strived to highlight the links between TOC and other illicit activities, in particular drug trafficking, money laundering and in some cases, terrorism and its financing.

The G77 participated actively in the regular sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the UN TOC Convention and its three protocols as well as in its subsidiary bodies in particular, the consultations related to the envisaged Mecanism of Review for the implementation of the TOC Convention.

The G77 was actively engaged in the regular sessions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, as well as in the meetings of its subsidiary body namely, the Implementation Review Group (IRG) which resulted in the following : i) selection of the reviewing countries and the countries under review for the year 2011; ii) establishment of an open-ended intergovernmental Working Group on preventive measures to counter corruption; iii) the extension of the mandate of the WG on asset recovery.

The G77 was also very active during the 12th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in Salvador (Brazil), which adopted an important political Declaration, emphasizing the need for strengthening international and regional cooperation in the area of criminal justice aimed at combating TOC and its new manifestations, in particular, cybercrime, cultural property, environment.

The 19th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), adopted, at the initiative of G77, the recommendations contained in the Political Declaration of the 12th United Nations Congress, thus providing the Commission with a programme of work for the next five years.

The G77 was actively engaged in the regular sessions of the CND, as well as in the meetings of its extended Bureau and in its reconvened sessions, guided by the aim to promote ownership of the programmes and initiatives of the UNODC in the field of drugs. The Group strived to ensure a high priority to the strengthening of international regime of drug control, including control of precursors, on a cohesive and strategic approach taking into account supply reduction and international cooperation.

The Group welcomed the development of technical assistance programs for treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug users in particular in developing countries and the implementation of the Joint UNODC/WHO Programme on Drug Dependence Treatment and Care in order to strengthen the public health and social service systems.

COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION (CTBTO)

Task Force Leader: Mr. Mehdi Aliabadi, PM of the IR of Iran

During the year 2010 the Group of 77 held a total of 26 meetings on CTBTO matters (including Plenary, Task Force and Working Group Meetings).

The Group actively participated in the meetings of the Policy-Making Organs (PMO) of the CTBTO Preparatory Commission, guided by the priorities attached to the universalization of the Treaty and its early Entry Into Force as well as the balance needed among the Major Programmes of the verification regime (IMS, IDC, OSI).

The Group strived that priority is given to capacity-building and training programmes in developing countries related to the knowledge and technologies used within the Treaty's verification regime. The Group worked towards more equitable geographical representation in the overall PTS staff and chairmanship of PMOs including their subsidiary bodies. In this regard, the Group is pleased to see his candidate, the Ambassador of Brazil, Chairing Working Group A.

On the Programme and Budget Proposals financial for the 2011, the Group welcomed the strict observance of zero-real-growth, while allowing for the use of supplementary appropriations for the ERP project and for the reconstruction of IMS stations in Chile as an urgent matter.

Regarding the scheduling of meetings of the Policy-Making Organs, the Group recalled the agreement reached in this subject matter taking into consideration the difficulties faced by an important number of small Permanent Missions belonging to the Group, and the overlapping or running parallel meetings with other United Nations bodies in Vienna, in particular the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Group encouraged the continuation of its pilot project of financing (through voluntary contributions) the participation of experts from developing States Signatories in technical meetings of the Preparatory Commission, and the expansion of the numbers of experts.

The Group is satisfied by the decision taken by the Preparatory Commission in June 2010, to grant Palestine with an observer status.

COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE (COPUOS)

G77 Task Force Leader: Mr. Marco Castillo, PM of Venezuela

The G77 Vienna Chapter agreed to establish, for the first time, a Task Force on COPUOS matters. This mechanism will allow the Group to actively engage in the preparations for the celebration 50th anniversary of COPUOS due to take place in June 2011 in Vienna, as well as in the forthcoming discussions on the UN programme entitled: "Towards a United Nations space policy", based on the UNGA resolution 64/86 (Dec. 2009), aimed at fostering a coherent and global approach on outer space issues.

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