



European Union

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**Statement of Hungary on behalf of the European Union**

**Agenda item 5**  
***Programme and budgets 2012-2013***

Mr Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia<sup>1</sup>, Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia, the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova and Armenia associate themselves with this statement.

1. At the outset we would like to thank the Director General and the Secretariat for preparing the revised draft of the Programme and Budget for the next biennium 2012-2013. The EU recognises that after the constructive discussion we had at the last PBC meeting difficult decisions needed to be taken to achieve a budget in line with the recommendations by the PBC in May in its Conclusion 2011/3. The EU endorses all the recommendations in this conclusion. The conclusion reflects a carefully balanced compromise, including the acknowledgement of the principle that the withdrawal of any Member State should not be covered by increasing assessed contributions of remaining Member States;
2. The EU acknowledges the efforts by the DG and the secretariat and would like to inform you that we consider the amount of the Programme and Budget 2012-2013 proposal acceptable for the EU having in mind this element was part of a carefully balanced compromise and view the revised budget proposal as a good basis for an agreement.
3. In consideration of the present time of financial constraints for the Organization, the EU sees the proposed cut of one IDB Session as one possible option for reducing costs. This goes along with the understanding that the dialogue and exchange of information between the Secretariat and Member States will be ensured by UNIDO with more regular informal briefings on the activities of the Secretariat. A timely release of documentation in preparation of the Regular Sessions of the policy making bodies should also be ensured.
4. Concerning the proposed cut in the resources for the preparatory phase of GEF, we would like to reaffirm that the EU attaches utmost interest at the implementation and

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<sup>1</sup> Croatia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia continue to be part of the Stabilization and Association Process.

further development of UNIDO activities in the field of energy and renewable energy. We are confident that such cuts will only slow down the preparatory phase of few projects, without consequences in terms of effective implementation of the commitments already in place with the GEF.

5. On UNIDO's personnel policy, the EU wishes to recall the Organisation's mobility policy. In this context, the EU stresses the importance it attaches to the field and to the implementation of the RBM principles in the framework of the PCOR initiative, in order to further the impact of UNIDO in the field.