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Addendum

Note by the Secretariat

1. Subsequent to the issuance of document GC.9/12, a letter dated 27 November 2001 was received from the Permanent Representative of Italy concerning the proposal for a Joint Communiqué on the International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS). The letter is reproduced in annex I to the present document.

2. The Joint Communiqué on ICS was signed by the Permanent Representative of Italy and the Director-General of UNIDO on 29 November 2001, as shown in annex II to the present document.

ACTION REQUIRED OF THE CONFERENCE

3. The Conference may wish to consider adopting the following draft resolution:

"The General Conference,

"Recognizing that the main objective that motivated the establishment of the Centre—the promotion of and the assistance in the development, selection, transfer and use of technology in favour of developing countries—is still pertinent and valid,

"Recalling its resolution GC.7/Res.12 regarding the Institutional Agreement concluded on 9 November 1993 between UNIDO and the Government of Italy,

"Acknowledging that during the last four years the activities of the Centre have been implemented under the responsibility of UNIDO as a result of a mutual and close cooperation with the Government of Italy,

"1. Takes note of the conclusion on 29 November 2001 of a Joint Communiqué between the Permanent Representative of Italy to UNIDO and the Director-General of UNIDO stating, inter alia, that subsequent to the adoption of GC.7/Res.12 the related work programme of the Centre has been implemented de facto without interruption;

"2. Also takes note of the wish of the Government of Italy and of UNIDO to continue such collaboration in the future for which purpose the provisions of the Institutional Agreement will be applied;

"3. Requests the Director-General to present to the General Conference at its next session a report highlighting synergy and relevance of ICS activities in relation to the UNIDO work programme."

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Annex I

LETTER FROM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ITALY

The Permanent Representative of Italy
to the International Organizations
Hohe Markt 8-9
1010 Vienna

Vienna, 27th November 2001

Dear Mr. Maruno,

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 5th November 2001 concerning the 1993 "Institutional Agreement" between the Government of Italy and the UNIDO for the ICS in Trieste (point 14 of the provisional agenda of the next General Conference) and containing the proposal of a "joint communiqué between the Permanent Representative of Italy to the UNIDO and the Director-General of UNIDO".

In this respect, I am pleased to inform you that the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has agreed to go along with the above mentioned proposal, which meets the need to continue "de facto", without interruption, the collaboration between Italy and UNIDO regarding the ICS in Trieste on the basis of the provisions of the "Institutional Agreement".

The signing of the "joint communiqué" could take place at your earliest convenience, before or during the next General Conference.

Please accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

Yours sincerely
(Claudio Moreno)

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Vienna

Annex II

**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ BETWEEN
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ITALY TO THE UNITED NATIONS
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
OF THE UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

The Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Director-General of UNIDO have held consultations with a view to strengthening their collaboration regarding the International Centre for Science and High Technology (ICS). The parties recognize that the main objective, which motivated the establishment of the ICS within the legal framework of UNIDO through General Conference resolution GC./Res.14 of 22 November 1991—the development of the scientific and technological capabilities of developing countries in the creation and application of scientific knowledge—is still pertinent and valid.

By the present communiqué the parties would like to state that subsequent to the adoption of General Conference resolution GC.7/Res.12 of 4 December 1997 the provisions of the Agreement between UNIDO and the Government of Italy concerning the Institutional Arrangements for the ICS signed on 9 November 1993 and its related work programmes have been implemented de facto without interruption. The activities and projects related to the ICS have been the result of a sustained and close cooperation between the Government of Italy and UNIDO. It is the wish of the parties to continue such collaboration in the future for which purpose the provisions of the Institutional Agreement will be applied.

For the Government of Italy:

[signed]

Claudio Moreno
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Italy to UNIDO

Vienna, 29 Nov. 2001

For UNIDO:

[signed]

Carlos Magariños
Director-General

Vienna, 29 Nov. 2001

