Dear Mr. President,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, let me express my gratitude for the invitation to this historic UNIDO Forum, note its excellent organization and art of the moderator. On behalf of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic I would like to commend the consistent efforts of UNIDO and its General Director, the commitment to the course, proclaimed in the Lima Declaration last year.

I would like to stress the importance of two forums organized this year, as well as the establishment of pilot partnership programs for Senegal and Ethiopia. We have monitoreed with admiration the promptness of UNIDO actions, the mobilization of human and financial resources. We welcome the broad representation of UN agencies in this Forum, headed by its Secretary, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, donors, international financial institutions and private businesses. We share the view of the Secretary General that humanity can not eradicate poverty without the development of the industry, bringing innovation and technology to developing countries. Discussions at the Forum reaffirmed the correctness of these ideas.

Kyrgyzstan warmly supports the development of a partnership approach in pilot programs for Ethiopia and Senegal, which we believe will not only ensure sustainable industrial development, but also exert a positive influence on economic transformation, diversification and structural reforms.

On behalf of the Government, I would like to express our willingness to participate in the partnership ISID program and consider Kyrgyzstan to participate in the pilot program set by examples of Ethiopia and Senegal. Involvement of Kyrgyzstan, a WTO member state since 1998 (the first in the post-Soviet space), a country with transitional economy, being an industrial republic within the former the Soviet Union, could be very interesting experience for the countries which have a similar history of development.

A number of projects in industry, agri-business, renewable energy sources, which have been carried out and are implemented in Kyrgyzstan with the assistance of UNIDO, are consistent with the spirit and content of the ISID initiative.

It should be noted that the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic jointly with the Ministry of Energy and Industry is working on resuscitation of idle plants.
The important initiative of UNIDO and ADB to establish a New Silk Road is worth mentioning, its implementation would have a beneficial impact on the ISID implementation in Central Asia.

Recognizing the fact that partnership programs can not be implemented in all countries at the same time, it is important to note having an example for countries with economies in transition. It would also be important to take into account such features as democratic course of development of Kyrgyzstan, the parliamentary system and an important event as the forthcoming accession of Kyrgyzstan to the Customs Union. I would like to emphasize the positive experience of the Kyrgyz-Russian cooperation, in particular, Kyrgyz-Russian Development Fund will be created with Russia's assistance for integrational adaptation of Kyrgyzstan. For example, Russia has already funded a project of UNIDO development of cost-effective building materials.

We have interesting examples of cooperation with the private sector. UNIDO has been implemented the project funded by private companies, in turn, with the assistance of UNIDO private business gets access to soft loans. In this case, the Eurasian Development Bank considers the allocation of about US$ 40 mln.

Kyrgyzstan welcomes UNIDO's diversified program on establishment of industrial parks. I would like to draw your attention to the textile and clothing industry of the Kyrgyz Republic. This sector of the republic is a priority sector of the economy. The importance of the textile and clothing production is due not only to significant volumes of production and exports, but also social significance. The industry employs about 200,000 people, mostly female population. We request UNIDO to assist in the development of a feasibility study for the textile and clothing industry. The government has already allocated land for these purposes.

Kyrgyzstan and UNIDO have a good example of cooperation in the development of solar energy for the needs of the rural population. The significant hydropower potential in the country speaks of the need for joint cooperation in the field of small hydro power, including in the framework of using of GEF resources, the creation of a regional center and regional trainings in the field of small hydro power.

Vocational training for the industry could be one of the important aspects of cooperation with UNIDO. It is obvious that the prestige of the engineering disciplines, directly depends on the revival and strengthening of industry.

We would be grateful for assistance in developing an industrial strategy of Kyrgyzstan as a initial step to prepare for the pilot ISID Program.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to ask the investors and international donors to support ISID initiative implementation, including, for the countries with economies in transition.

Thank you!