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Statement

**by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran
at the 18th Session of the UNIDO General Conference**

Explanation of position on the Abu Dhabi Declaration

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In the Name of God
The compassionate, the Merciful

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to put on record its position on the decision of 18th General Conference of UNIDO on Abu Dhabi Declaration.

Mr. President,

Without extensive cooperation at the national, regional and international level achieving the SDGs will be very difficult. Such cooperation should be mindful of our common destiny and joint commitment towards implementation of human responsibilities.

A common destiny requires a common goal. But this does not mean that the responsibilities of all are the same. It would be impossible to achieve the post 2015 SDGs without considering these responsibilities of States and their share in creating the current status quo.

Provision of means of implementation of the SDGs is a vital factor and developed countries are expected to fulfill their commitments on provision of financial resources, transfer of technology and capacity building, without politicizing this process. The UN and UNIDO have pivotal role in enhancing cooperation and partnership at regional and international levels.

In this context, we also firmly believe that cultural diversity; sensitivities; different national realities, capacities, priorities, levels of development; domestic laws and regulations; religious beliefs; and cultural values should be duly respected while considering implementing SDGs and also in any future activities of UNIDO.

Mr. President,

We welcome the objective approach of the Conference on unilateral coercive measures and recognition of negative impact of UCMs on industrial development of member states. We are of the view that these illegitimate and illegal actions are against Charter of the UN and international law and would have devastating effects on sustainable industrial development. Thus, it is a common responsibility of UNIDO member states and UNIDO itself to reject these actions and respect the fundamental right to development.

In conclusion, I would like to underscore that common development challenges, also present us with opportunities for cooperation. We should engage with partners who are willing to cooperate in addressing our common and immediate challenges, including poverty eradication and protection of the environment

I request that this statement be duly recorded in the official reports of this Session of UNIDO General Conference.

Thank you Mr. President.