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STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF DPRK DELEGATION AT THE  
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Mrs. President,

Mr. Director-General,

Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, allow me, on behalf of the delegation of Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), to congratulate Mrs. Alena KUPCHYNA on your election as the president of the 17th Session of the UNIDO General Conference. I am convinced that your able leadership would lead this session to a success.

I would, also, like to appreciate the efforts of the Director-General and the Secretariat of UNIDO for the successful hosting of this Conference.

Mrs. President,

During the biennium, UNIDO has made active efforts for the global poverty eradication and for the establishment of the international system and environment for sustainable industrial development and prosperity.

In particular, UNIDO has been steadily expanding its activities for

inclusive and sustainable industrial and economic development among the member states through the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development that has been adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 and the medium-term programme framework 2016-2019, and has achieved considerable success in this regard.

My delegation commends the Organization for its engagement with G20 and for its role as a pioneer in industrialization projects in Africa and the least developed countries that resulted in a considerable delivery in the technical cooperation reaching 179million US\$ even in the current difficult financial situation.

This is attributable to the efforts of the UNIDO secretariat as well as Mr. Director-General.

Mrs. President,

Today, economic inequality, unemployment and poverty still persist around the world, which arises as a very dangerous social issue among developing countries that are pushed away to the fringes of the world as the “Globalization” proceeds.

Along with these, another challenge is created by certain states, which

infringe upon the sovereignty and the right to development of developing countries that do not curry favour with them, and impose sanctions and put pressure to obstruct their economic and social development.

The typical example is the current situation in the Korean peninsula.

The hostile forces are imposing the most severe and anti-human sanctions on the civil industry and the sector of people's life under the pretext of implementing the “sanctions resolution” of the United Nations Security Council, ignoring the legitimate measures for self-defence of a sovereign state.

Such indiscriminate and anti-civilization “sanctions” and economic blockade that threaten the right to existence of a particular country and impede the sound and sustainable development of the region must not be tolerated any longer.

The reality requires UNIDO to provide developing countries with favourable environment and conditions for their inclusive and sustainable development and to become a practical partner for the Member States so as to fully satisfy their needs for development.

UNIDO should give top priority to such cooperation that is essential for

the development of national economy and establishment of a competitive industry in the developing countries and should allocate more funds to train technicians in various fields in the developing countries.

And I do consider it is a reflection of high hopes of the developing countries that UNIDO has been recognized as the most appropriate organization for the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and has been selected as the leading organization for the industrialization of the developing countries.

Mrs. President,

Today, under the wise leadership of the respected Supreme Leader Comrade KIM JONG UN, Korean people have made unprecedented achievements in their struggle for the implementation of the 5-year plan for the national economic development set forth at the 7th Congress of the Worker's Party of Korea, braving through all kinds of challenges in the progress.

The political, military provocations and "sanctions" by the United States and other hostile forces to harm the dignity and sovereignty of the DPRK have reached its climax this year. However, the Korean people, totally relying on their own power, technology and resources, have

constructed a large number of edifices such as Ryomyong Street and livestock farming base in the Sepho area, which will greatly contribute to the improvement of people's livelihood.

Our efforts to provide people with bountiful and civilized life by mobilizing all the potentials of self-reliance economy giving definite precedence to science and technology will be further strengthened in the future, which will duly contribute to the realization of UNIDO's goal for the development of the inclusive and sustainable industry.

The DPRK will, in the future too, further strengthen the relations of friendship and cooperation with UNIDO and all its member states and actively engage in the international effort for the shared development and prosperity of humankind, following the ideals of the foreign policy of independence, peace and friendship.

Thank you.