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Mr. President ,
Your Excellencies , Distinguished delegates ,
Ladies and Gentlemen .

Mr . President .
It gives me pleasure to congratulate you on behalf of the Association of Former
United Nations Industry and Development Experts (AFIDE) for your election
for the leadership of UNIDO General Conference .

Mr. President , may I also express our congratulations for Dr . Kandeh
Yumkella the Director-General of UNIDO for his second term appointment for
the leadership of UNIDO in this crucial time in which all the countries of the
World , particularly the Developing countries , are facing the great challenges
and concerns , . The developing countries are facing the negative impact ,
precarious food and energy security and the endangered environment
particularly climate change .

Mr. President ,

The economic and financial crisis has greatly affected the industrial sector in
most of the developing countries and particularly the Least Developed
Countries . As a result of this crisis , many factories and small scale industries
have closed down and jobs were lost , thus shattering the hope of
sustainable development .

The industrialized countries are continuing their efforts to find stand- alone
solutions as well as introduction of collective measures to confront the financial
and economic crisis . On the other hand the majority of the developing countries
are unable to take the necessary action at the national level nor collectively due
to the lack of information or awareness for monitor of the impact of the current
crisis confronting them .

The success of the manufacturing sector in the developing countries is one
of the most crucial factors for the development and achievement of the
United Nations millennium goals . Lessons can be learned from the success of

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the limited number of developing countries which are able to alleviate the negative impact of the current finance and economic crisis . These countries are the ones which have achieved success during the last few decades in building a strong industrial manufacturing base . UNIDO in supporting these countries in successfully building their industrial sector is highly appreciated by them . The many success stories are source of aspiration for UNIDO. It has effectively contributed to improving their basic infrastructure and institution building , for strengthening their industrial development base . UNIDO has also successfully contributed to their technology development in industrial sectors such as chemical , mechanical engineering , iron and steel industries and agro-based industries . Human resource development was also strongly supported by UNIDO .

The developing countries need to review their policies and strategies of the industrial sector to make the necessary changes required as a result of the current crisis . lessons learned can be studied and shared with other developing countries particularly the Least Developing Countries . In this connection the strengthening of UNIDO South - South Cooperation is crucial

Mr. President ,

The Association of Former United Nations Industry and Development Experts (AFIDE) is an NGO with UNIDO observer status and special consultative status with ECOSOC and accreditation to GEF Council . AFIDE has a unique character and affinity with UNIDO due to the fact that the majority of its members are former UNIDO professional staff and development experts WHO ARE fully aware of UNIDO 's industrial expertise . AFIDE is ready to respond to UNIDO 's call for cooperation . AFIDE continues to show interest and goodwill since its establishment of relationship with UNIDO 12 years ago .

AFIDE had participated in all UNIDO IDB sessions and General Conferences and delivered statements . In each of its statements AFIDE , focused on current and priority development issues and presented several proposals and offers of cooperation with UNIDO were expressed in all AFIDE statements at these sessions . AFIDE had positively responded to UNIDO invitation to participate and prepare a paper in the International Conference on Sharing Innovative Agribusiness Solutions , held on 26 - 27 November 2008 in Cairo Egypt .

.AFIDE stands ready to cooperate further with UNIDO in program and project preparation as well as presentation of technical papers , studies and joint activities for benefiting the developing countries .

with UNIDO in the next three years, which is contrary to what AFIDE had written in the short list of NGOs which include Post Five reply to that question

most recently in the questionnaire sent to by UNIDO to all NGOs a document GC.13/11 on Matters related

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Mr. President ,

Finally , AFIDE wishes UNIDO every success under the leadership of its Director
-General in his second term .