

**STATEMENT BY HEAD OF DPRK DELEGATION AT 13<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO**

Mr. President,  
Director-General,  
Distinguished delegates,

At the outset I congratulate you on behalf of the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on your election to the presidency of the 13<sup>th</sup> session of General Conference of UNIDO.

At the same time, I appreciate the Director-General of UNIDO and his team in the Secretariat for having devoted their sincere efforts for the preparation of the General Conference.

Mr. President,

This General Conference, which is being held at the end of first decade of new century, is of great significance as the first biennium programme reflected in the medium-term programme framework for 2008-2011 will be reviewed at the current session.

During the period under review, UNIDO has made progress in its work for promoting industrial development of the developing countries in conformity with its mission.

The Organization has continued to pay its concern to the three thematic priority areas in implementing the medium-term programme framework. This effort resulted in certain progress in its activities for strengthening the industrial capacities and promoting competitiveness of the developing countries and for financial resources mobilization and management.

In particular, funds for technical cooperation were increased, the Energy and Climate Change Branch was created in the Secretariat and South-South Industrial Cooperation Centres were established in China and India.

The Organization is taking measures to meet the global challenges while putting its priorities on poverty reduction through productive activities, trade capacity-building and energy and environment. It also exerts its efforts to enhance

cooperation coordination between the UNIDO headquarters, field offices and national authorities in the implementation of programmes and projects.

These efforts made by UNIDO serve as a contribution to the global efforts in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The DPRK delegation is of the view that the draft programme and budget for 2010-2011 to be adopted in the current General Conference were prepared in direction to achieving MDGs while providing efficiency and effectiveness of the activities of UNIDO even in difficult financial situation due to the global financial and economic crises.

Mr. President,

Although a decade has elapsed since the humankind celebrated the new century with great hope and expectations, their desire for prosperity in a peaceful and equal world is still facing serious challenges.

The financial and economic crises followed by the fuel and food crises remain continued and climate change is threatening the existence of the mankind.

This reality demands each country to take practical measures in conformity with its detailed action plan. At the same time it urges UNIDO to revitalize its activities and improve the quality of its services to ensure that the programme and projects of the Organization will make a tangible contribution to enhancing the industrial capacities of the Member States.

In this regard, I would like to mention three points which need to be considered by the Secretariat in its future programme.

First, UNIDO should continue to push forward its reform to meet the emerging challenges.

UNIDO, as a unique industrial development specialized agency in the United Nations system, should simplify its management structure to ensure more rapid response to the needs of industries of the Member States and improve the quality of its services and expand the range of its activities.

To this end it is necessary to secure cooperation resources to the maximum extent and enhance the capacities of the regional and field offices for formulating and

implementing the cooperation programmes, thus bringing the management structure of the Organization closer to the reality.

Second, UNIDO should continue to give priority to the technical cooperation for the developing countries and ensure the effectiveness of its cooperation.

It should consider the development strategy and the specific conditions of the Member States in formulating the integrated programmes, so that the programmes could be led to the strengthening of the industrial capacities of the recipient countries in practice.

The Organization should continue to make its efforts to the activities for solving such important issues as food, climate change and energy crises through effective cooperation that helps the developing countries strengthen their agro-industry and trade capacities, and develop renewable energy.

Third, UNIDO should continue to further strengthen the south-south cooperation.

It should make effective use of the existing South-South Industrial Cooperation Centres, expand the centres to other regions and facilitate the technical cooperation and technology transfer between the developing countries, so that they could enjoy practical benefits of such cooperation.

Mr. President,

The DPRK is now at the turning point in building a thriving nation under the wise leadership of the great general KIM JONG IL.

It was the lifetime wish of President KIM IL SUNG, the fatherly leader of our people, to build a great, prosperous and powerful nation in which national power is strong, everything is thriving and the people live happily with nothing to envy in the world. And it is an unshakable will of the DPRK Government and its people to enter the gate to a great, prosperous and powerful nation in 2012 that marks the centenary of the birth of President KIM IL SUNG.

With the concrete guarantee secured to ensure lasting peace on the Korean peninsula, we could concentrate all our efforts on building an economic power.

An important task facing us in the economic construction at present is to push the efforts to put production on a normal track and the modernization in close combination by taking advantage of the socialist planned economy, thus surpassing the high-water mark in production in all sectors of the national economy.

The DPRK Government is vigorously pushing forward the development of the overall national economy while giving priority to the metal, electric power and coal industries and rail transport, the preferential sectors of national economy.

The DPRK Government will, in the future too, further strengthen and develop the friendly and cooperative relations with UNIDO and its Member States and make an active contribution to the international efforts to achieve the MDGs under the ideal of our consistent foreign policy of independence, peace and friendship.

Thank you