

**Statement of the Permanent Representative of Ukraine
on behalf of the Organization for Democracy
and Economic Development – GUAM
at the 13th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO
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**Item 7. Annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the
Organization for 2007 and 2008**

Mr. President,

[While Moldova and Ukraine have aligned themselves with the declaration of Sweden on behalf of the EU, I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM.]

This is first time when my delegation is speaking before the General Conference and I would like to congratulate you, Mr. President, and the other members of the Bureau on your election and wish all delegations gathered today successful deliberations.

GUAM countries would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Your Excellency Kandeh K. Yumkella on his re-appointment as Director-General of UNIDO. We warmly welcome the steps taken by the Director-General for developing technical cooperation, fund mobilization and administrative reforms in order to increase efficiency, productivity and sustainability of project activities of UNIDO. We are confident that under his able guidance the further development of the Organization will be focused on results-based project activities which allow UNIDO to restore its role as a leading international organization in the development of the industrial policy.

Our today session is taking place in the difficult period of time when major countries or even all countries around the world are facing with the numerous crises: food, fuel and financial. UNIDO has unique possibilities to assist countries in overcoming these challenges and we, as the members of UNIDO, should help the Organization in fulfilling its obligations and ensure that UNIDO will have adequate resources to respond to growing challenges and demands arising out of the technical cooperation.

GUAM welcomes the annual reports of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 2007 and 2008 and UNIDO's efforts in order to improve the governance and financial situation of UNIDO and to secure the fulfilment of the main priorities of the Organization stated in the medium-term programme framework.

With reference to the performance indicators contained in the annual reports and its related documents, GUAM countries are glad to note the increasing rate of collection of assessed contributions and technical cooperation delivery in UNIDO comparing with previous years. We consider this fact as an important sign of trust to the UNIDO's activities. UNIDO's focus on the three thematic priorities – poverty reduction through productive activities, trade and capacity building and energy and environment, continues to be one of the major elements of the Organization's success in the recent years.

We welcome the growing diversity of donors for UNIDO's technical cooperation services. In this regard, we pay special attention to the cooperation of UNIDO with Global Environment Facility (GEF) and core international donors. We are convinced that one of the strategic objectives of UNIDO is to broaden its resource base by enhancing its policy dialogue with financial stakeholders and expanding its partnership network. To get the direct access to the GEF funds means not only the broadening of technical assistance programs, but also focusing on highly important areas of cooperation, among them - energy efficiency and renewable sources, ozone depletion and water balancing overuse, biosafety and climate change.

We especially welcome UNIDO's programmes and projects in the field of environment, energy efficiency and renewable energy. The transfer of cleaner and environmentally sound technologies, increasing energy efficiency and sustainable use of renewable energy resources remain one of the main priorities of our countries. We are therefore committed to broaden participation in and further develop UNIDO's initiatives in the sphere of environment and energy. We welcome the results of the Vienna international energy conference that was held on 22-24 June 2009 and support the idea to discuss energy issues on a regular basis in the framework of UNIDO.

Our today deliberations are going in parallel with the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. We would like to take this opportunity to add our voices to the international agreements aimed at mitigating climate change problems and support UNIDO's activities in this sphere. We are sure that the global climate change challenge requires determined action and international cooperation on the basis of a broad and multifaceted approach. To be successful in the field of climate change mitigation we need to work jointly with other countries and through relevant international institutions to strengthen all measures available for preventing climate change impact.

Mr. President.

The cooperation between UNIDO and GUAM countries has increased in volume and is also becoming more diversified.

In recent years, a large part of the multilateral cooperation among our countries in the sphere of industrial development, energy and climate change continued to be carried out.

Further strengthening of cooperation with UNIDO is considered as a matter of utmost importance for GUAM countries. We express our appreciation for UNIDO's interest to set up National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs) in Moldova, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine. We are looking forward to participate in the UNIDO's Regional seminar on industrial parks, to be held in 2010 in Azerbaijan, to take active part in the UNIDO's project on the Global Identification and Evaluation of Polluted Sites. We welcome the implementation of technical cooperation projects together with UNIDO and GEF. One of such project on "Improving Energy Efficiency and Promoting Renewable Energy in the Agro-Food and other Small and Medium Enterprises" is starting now in Ukraine.

Let me take this opportunity to express GUAM's appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Europe and NIS Programme and Energy and Climate Change Branch of UNIDO in order to facilitate the cooperation of our countries with Organization and increase project activities in the region.

To further streamline this partnership, we believe it is important to ensure a strong UNIDO presence in our countries. We welcome the continued dialogue on establishment of UNIDO desks that would increase our joint cooperation potential by generating new project proposals, enhancing project implementation and providing a better outreach to a big international donor community active in our countries. We are considering also the possibility to establish UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office, particular in Ukraine, in order to further intensify our cooperation with UNIDO.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me express on behalf of the GUAM our common hope that the current discussion will yield tangible results in the implementation of the tasks entrusted upon this session.

I thank you, Mr. President.