Statement by the Head of Indonesian Delegation

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Mr. President,

H.E. Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director General of UNIDO,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Since this is my first opportunity to speak on behalf of the Indonesian Delegation, let me congratulate H.E. Ambassador Ali Asghar Soltanieh for his election and assumption of Presidency of the 13th Session of the General Conference. We are confident that under his able chairmanship our meeting and deliberation would bear fruitful results, and also gives full support for the succes of the organization of this General Conference. We also would like to thank H.E. Mr. Ambassador Omar Zniber of Morocco for his outstanding service to lead UNIDO's works and program for the past critical years.

I am glad in joining other delegations to extend warm congratulations to Dr. Kandeh Yumkella for his re-appointment as Director General of UNIDO. The four years to come with the harder task to bear, I am convinced, it would be as smoothly manageable as the last four years that Director General has taken up successfully. This could be learnt from the experience that all member countries have given full support to the new-look of UNIDO and to the visionary direction that the Organization is progressing under inspiring and creative leadership of
Mr. Kandeh Yumkella.

Mr. President,

With regard to the agenda item of this important meeting, Indonesia associates itself with the statement made by the Asian Group on behalf of Asian countries in commending our deliberations. Furthermore, allow me, on behalf of the Indonesian delegation, to share views on important current issues raised by Mr. Kandeh Yumkella in his opening speech.

Indeed, it is interesting to talk about megatrends with all of its implications now and then. We realise that the global challenges are folding and growing faster than we expected. It required us to adapt or move along with the dramatic changes, particularly as we are encountering multi-faces of global crisis, from financial, food, energy and climate change.

The sense of quick responses to the challenges we are facing is posing huge and critical demand. Among them is the need to create growth for prosperity in one side and to ensure peace and sustainability in the other. I understand that green growth is ultimate answer if you wish to live in a more prosperous, healthier world. To generate this green growth, it is of utmost importance that all UNIDO member countries should have a concrete program or create an implementable model to be replicated in other member countries. The concept of Green Industry in Indonesia shall be implemented in industrial estate in the form of Green Industrial Park in Jababeka, Industrial Estate M 2000 and Krakatau Steel Industrial Park.
We meet, still, at the midst of global uncertainty, as the financial and economic crisis has taken toll and might not go away in the near term. At this critical moment, UNIDO’s vital role in addressing the global financial and economic crisis and helping developing countries to overcome it through its industrial development program will be crucial. The clock is ticking for UNIDO, within its mandate, to make a real contribution to promoting a sound industrial development for LDCs and other developing countries that is economically viable, environmentally friendly and socially accessible.

Mr. President,

Indonesia has observed that UNIDO’s work and program in the promotion of sustainable industrial development and international industrial cooperation in particular in the developing countries, have gained its currency in the face of global financial and economic crisis. In this respect, the vital role of UNIDO in providing technical assistance to developing countries cannot be overstated.

While expressing our gratitude to the positive contribution that UNIDO has made to promote the advancement of industrial sector in the developing countries, Indonesia is of the view that UNIDO should strengthen its comprehensive work on three thematic priorities—poverty reduction through productive capacities, trade and capacity building and environment and energy.

In that context, UNIDO should help developing countries in sharpening R&D priorities which are oriented towards private sector and society
demand; in enhancing science and technology capacity and capability by strengthening science and technology institutions, resources and networks at the national level; and in creating an innovative climate in terms of providing the right incentive schemes to foster and strengthen the industrial structure.

As one of the beneficiaries of UNIDO’s technical assistance program, Indonesia recognises the contribution especially in bringing the small and medium scale industries in the post-conflict region such as Maluku and post-tsunami area such as Nangroe Aceh Darussalam into promising growth.

Mr. President,

In this particular occasion, Indonesia would like to express its sincere thanks to all the members, especially to the Asian Group for their strong support that makes it possible for Indonesia to be a member of the Industrial Development Board. We believe that as member of IDB for 2010-2014, Indonesia can contribute essentially to the work of UNIDO in meeting the rising tides of global challenges.

Although still in the early stage, Indonesia is developing nanotechnology that involves the government, private sector and academician. Certainly, with the help of UNIDO, Indonesia is able to promote nano technology oriented to the development of ceramic, textile and agro-based industry.

Furthermore, Indonesia is also ready to pool its resources and show its initiative to direct together UNIDO to conquer the global challenges.
through industrial cooperation. To start with, under the South-south Cooperation, Indonesia will organise a capacity building program on Green Industry named: Zero-waste Supply-Chain Management for Tropical Crops for participants from developing countries.

Mr. President,

In the light of the next GC Meeting, may I recall the Director General speech in the last GC 12 Meeting that we could explore to convene the GC Meeting outside Vienna alternatively. In this respect, Indonesia has the intention to consider this opportunity for hosting the next GC Meeting.

To conclude my statement, I want to share Paul Hohnan’s beautiful verses, when he was closing the afternoon session in Roundtable Discussion on Green Industry in Asia Pacific.

The Future for “Green biz” is terrific
And a chance for all Asia Pacific
But the engine of growth
Will need at least both:
from commitment to targets specific

And now, I would like also to read my own verses:

The earth is waiting to be coloured green,
then, move up right away to the right stream,
and put heads together to reach our dream.

Thank you.