

Statement
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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. President, Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to participate once again in an important session of UNIDO General Conference. At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the president of the conference and also to congratulate other members of the Bureau. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the members of the outgoing Bureau for the efforts they did during their tenure. The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran also appreciates the Secretariat for all its efforts to organize this Conference.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to express my sincere congratulations to Mr. Kandeh Yumkella on his appointment as the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the second term. I believe his reappointment will provide him with an opportunity to continue his efforts in promoting and accelerating industrial development in developing countries.

Mr. president, Distinguished Delegates,

Global developments in the first decade of the twenty first century are influencing the lives of the most inhabitants of the earth.

Unfair political, economic and cultural relations prevailing in our world today have affected peace and friendship among states and slowed down the process of development, particularly industrial development of the LDCs making life for the peoples of these countries harder and more complicated.

Today, hundreds of millions of people who are deprived of the bare necessities of life are looking to this conference and the decisions that I and you make to create a brighter prospect for them by making new industrial investment and generating jobs in the LDCs.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that as long as the root causes of inequalities and discrimination are not properly addressed, the problem of production and youth employment can not be solved. So, to meet these concerns, the Islamic Republic of Iran has given priority to the promotion of justice in all its efforts believing that through the establishment of global justice we can build up a better world for the coming generations.

Now the important question is that how we can replace unequal competition between poor and rich countries which has resulted in the increasing gap between these groups of countries and further impoverishment of many people of the world with a feasible approach to reduce such gaps which has been among the most important purposes of UNIDO.

The answer to this questions lies in a return to real human values and dignity. If economic development is combined with

development of human values and virtues many of the current problems of the international community will be solved. So, in that context any economic competition should be associated with the promotion of sublime human values including development of justice and promotion of friendship, concord and compassion towards fellow human beings. If such values govern international relations rich countries will become eager to help other countries and contribute to the restoration of their lost rights. If we manage to bring such principles into the context of economic development of countries we will definitely get closer to the purposes of UNIDO.

In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to have extensive cooperation with international development agencies aiming to improve the living standards of the people of the world by contributing to the betterment of living conditions of people in poor countries.

The mission of UNIDO is to assist with the industrial development of countries which entails a great but complicated process because certain technologies are in the monopoly of some big powers of the world which are not willing to share them with others.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that UNIDO should try to correct this discriminatory approach through transfer of technology to developing countries.

More than allocating some figures for investment, UNIDO should make efforts to transfer technical and engineering services to target countries to help not only localize the technical know-how but also to pave the way for the development of these countries.

With the expansion of small sized fast yield enterprises Islamic Republic of Iran has facilitated the entry of

disadvantaged but creative sectors of the society into industrial activities and generation of added value. Also, investment in high-tech and strategic industries has been one of the major policies of my country to the extent that with regard to many industrial goods we have not only been able to meet the local needs but we have also reached the point of self-sufficiency and are now targeting regional and global markets.

Mr. president,

Needless to say that energy resources form the engine of sustainable development and economic growth in all countries and their impacts on all other aspects of life are quite clear. We share the view that approaching renewable energy resources is necessary in the current circumstances when the globe faces critical environmental challenges. However, enormous high cost of renewable energy production represents a serious obstacle in this way. Some countries around the world specially developed ones have announced their targets for having the share of renewable energy sources in electricity and transportation fuels. The governments of those developed countries have the possibilities to meet such targets. They are able to accommodate high costs of such energies without decreasing their revenues. They can easily transfer the burden of supporting bifouls to consumers directly through their taxation policies. However, options for renewable bifouls may be limited for developing countries particularly the least developed countries. In these countries governmental subsidies would burden national budgets on the one hand, while on the other the consumers may not be able to shoulder the extra costs needed. At least for the medium term, developing countries will have no choice but to rely heavily on developed countries for finance and technology to support their renewable energies growth and development.

Mr. President,

Despite the limitations and problems it is facing, my country pays special attention to the production of renewable energies. To this end it has formulated certain plans and policies that I would like to briefly mention.

- Providing support to the private sector in its efforts to introduce and develop technologies and make use of renewable energies such as wind, solar, geothermal and biomass.
- Supporting manufacturers and engineering design companies in transfer of technology and localization of such technologies to the point that in the near future wind, small hydro and biomass power plants could economically compete with thermal power plants.
- Giving support to academic research on technologies such as fuel cells which could become competitive in the medium term.
- Provide remote areas which are far from national electricity network with sustainable energies to improve their living conditions through access to Photovaltic.

Mr. president,

Green industry is a priority for sustainable development. Based on this principle, Iran like other responsible countries of the world has taken significant steps toward green industry over the past years. I briefly refer to some of them:

- Design of national model for environmental management,
- Preparation an optimum paradigm for reduction of energy and water consumption in industry and industrial productions,
- Study about consumption of chemicals for purpose of control and reduction the most hazardous materials in environment and human life.

- Study for reduction of unintentionally industrial pollutants,
- Evaluation and granting green industry awards to industrial units.

In this context, I would like to refer to a significant project in the area of green industry in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Project is on the establishment of International Center for Nanotechnology and recently was signed between Iran and UNIDO. The project will be operational zed soon. The center will provide an international framework for cooperation and partnership among countries particularly at the regional level. .It also will enhance the technological capacity for technology transfer and commercialization of research results of all participants' countries in field of water purification and wastewater treatment by application of nanotechnology. Such approach, could contribute to meet the needs of developing countries in safe drinking water in regional and over regional levels. It should be mentioned that the Islamic Republic of Iran has achieved significant capabilities in nano- based productions and is ready to share it.

Mr. President,

At the end, I would like to announce that the Islamic Republic of Iran is fully prepared to contribute to the materialization of the lofty objectives of UNIDO and share its industrial and mining capacities specially its technical know – how and expertise with the LDCs.

Once again, I would like to express my appreciation to you, Mr. President and the distinguished participants, and also express my thanks to Mr. Yumkella for his constructive efforts to promote the objectives of UNIDOS.

Thank you for attention.