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Mr Chairman,

CHEC AGAINST DELIVER

May I begin by congratulating your election as a Chairman of the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference. ~~For confident that under your leadership and with the support of your Team and the Secretariat of the UNIDO, this Conference will be able to accomplish the tasks before it.~~ I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT

POLAND FULLY SUBSCRIBE TO THE STATEMENT PRESENTED BY SWEDISH PRESIDENCY IN THE NAME OF EUROPEAN UNION.

I would like to share with you some general remarks from the point of view of Poland – country, which is an emerging donor. Poland welcomes the continuing support UNIDO provides to developing countries such as technical assistance, policy advice, and industrial statistics within the scope of its mandate. We strongly believe that UNIDO under able leadership of Mr Kandeh Yumkella, can play an important role in the global efforts aiming to achieve Millennium Development Goals – especially in the time of financial and food crisis.

In this perspective, Poland strongly supports the idea of UNIDO's reform and the change management project. We believe that under Dr Yumkella's guidance the planned improvements, such as implementation of results-based management, rebuilding of IT infrastructure, decentralization and comprehensive business process re-engineering will help to increase the efficiency of UNIDO's operations and substantially strengthen its position within the international aid system. Following this line of thought Poland decided to allocate its share of Unutilized balances to that purpose.

Mr Chairman,

Poland would like to reaffirm its support for UNIDO's work in the field of energy and climate change and especially - for Dr Yumkella's activities as Chair of UN-Energy and the High-level Advisory Group on Energy and Climate Change. We believe that energy is a key and strategic issue for economic growth and environmentally sustainable development of all nations. Consequently, Polish representatives took active role in the *International Energy Conference* held in Vienna and *Global Renewable Energy Forum* which was held in Mexico. We believe that such initiatives are good opportunity to emphasize United Nations' role in the field of energy.

Poland appreciates technical assistance which UNIDO provides to developing countries in the fields of renewable energy for productive uses and green industries. Nevertheless we should not lose sight of the fact that economy of the many of those states is still dependent on coal-based energy. Therefore, we believe that UNIDO should put more emphasis on developing and promoting Clean Coal Technologies rather than switching directly to renewable energy. Poland is ready to co-operate with UNIDO in this area.



**Mr Chairman,**

Poland strongly believes that its experiences from the period of political and economic transformation could be valuable for other countries. We are willing to share those experiences. Following this line of thought, last September, a representative of Polish EcoFund Foundation conducted in Vienna a seminar about conversion of a part of the Polish foreign debt into a fund intended to support environmental protection projects (within a mechanism usually referred to as "debt-for-environment swap"). We hope to continue similar initiatives in the future.

I would also like to inform you that Poland has recently introduced an innovative project, called The Green Technology Accelerator ("GreenEvo"). By implementing the "GreenEvo" Programme, Polish Ministry of Environment seeks to stimulate the development of green technologies in Poland. Within the scope of the Green Technology Accelerator, Small and Medium Enterprises may receive additional advisory support in the field of marketing, technology management and funding options. "GreenEvo" also facilitates research of relevant technologies and enables direct contact with solution providers. "GreenEvo" was created to enable promotion of Polish solutions in the field of green technologies on national and international level. We hope that those solutions may become useful in global efforts on environmental protection.

**Mr Chairman,**

Poland believes that UNIDO provides good opportunity for small and medium size donors to fulfill their ODA's commitments. Therefore, my country has engaged financially as well as technically in two development projects being carried out by UNIDO in the Ukraine - *Upgrading Ukraine's Food Safety Standards and Ecological condition of the basin of the Western Buh River*. Poland wishes to continue our engagement in these two projects and is open to new co-operation proposals. Poland also hopes to achieve synergies between projects being implemented in the Central and Eastern Europe region by UNIDO with development aid programs that Poland participates in through other organizations, especially through joint Polish-Swedish *Eastern Partnership initiative* and OECD's *Eurasia programme*.

Thank you for your attention