

**Welcoming Statement**

**By**

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*In the Name of God*

*The Most Gracious and the Most Merciful*

***Excellencies,***

***Distinguished Heads of States, Ministers, Director General,***

**At the outset I would like to welcome you all and express my sincere appreciation for the confidence on my country and myself, honoring me to serve you in such an august international gathering. I assure you all that I spare no effort in making this General Conference a real success.**

**Distinguished delegates**

**Permit me to share few important point with you, which I believe would help the convergence of views for our common cause.**

**It would not harm if we remind ourselves the main pillars enshrined in the spirit and letter of the constitution of the UNIDO. This organization is mandated to promote and accelerate sustainable industrial development in developing countries with a view of assisting in the establishment of a new international economic order. It shall do so on global, regional and national levels.**

**In recent years, UNIDO has assumed an enhanced role in the global development agenda by focusing its activities on poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. It is expected to generate and disseminate industry-related knowledge; as a technical cooperation agency, and to provide technical support and implement projects.**

**Nowadays, this organization is recognized as a highly relevant, specialized and efficient provider of key services in support of the interlinked challenges of reducing poverty through productive activities, promoting the integration of developing countries in global trade through trade capacity building, improving access to energy with due attention to fostering environmental sustainability in industry.**

**The international community expects us to draw a long-term vision of the organization, based on its constitution, in such a way to aspire to a world of opportunity where progress is equitable, accessible and sustainable and where the alleviation of poverty towards a dignified standard of living**

**for all, through industrial infrastructure development, is considered a common aim and global responsibility.**

**I am optimist that with existing spirit of cooperation and determination such words would be translated into actions.**

**Thank you for your kind attention**