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Statement of the Republic of Angola to the 13° Session of
UNIDO General Conference, Delivered by H. E. Kiala
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Mr. President,

Honorable Prime-Ministers,

Honorable Ministers and Vice-Ministers,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola, I wish to congratulate Mr. President and the other members of the Bureau for your election to the 13° session of the General Conference of UNIDO; I am confident that under your able leadership, this session will come to a Successful conclusion. I seize this opportunity to extend my thanks to your predecessor H. E. Mr. OMAR Zniber, Permanent Representative of Morocco, for his much appreciated leadership on the last General Conference.

The Republic of Angola welcomes the opening remarks by the Director-General, Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, and congratulates him for the efforts in the promotion of the several innovations and concrete solutions for our Organization; we also take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Yumkella for his reappointment as Director-General for UNIDO, and wish all success in his second mandate.

I would also like to express our gratitude for the successful UNIDO's initiative in hosting the LDC's Ministerial Conference with the theme "Impact of the Global Economic and Financial Crisis on LDC's' Productive Capacities and Trade Prospects: Threats and Opportunities", definitely it was a great opportunity to debate and analyze the impact of the current global economic crisis, and search for possible opportunities and solutions in helping LDC's to face the effects, in which a strong industrial policy could play a critical role.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made on behalf of the Africa Group and also made on behalf of G-77 and China.

Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates,

The theme for this Conference “Greening Industry for Global Recovery and Growth” is very relevant and extremely important in the context of the creation of sustainable answers to face the different challenges imposed by the global economic crisis. Despite all constraints, this global economic crisis also gave the opportunity for all members’ states to stop and re-think in the long term solutions to mitigate the impact of the current crisis and to find new policy options, and approaches for our economies.

In this field, Angola believes that UNIDO can play an important role in promoting several innovations and by proposing concrete solutions and actions, in taking active part in joint activities, especially those related to its mandate such as re-launching local and sustainable industries in compliance with international standards, energy facilities and environmental friendly policies for the industry, etc.

Experiencing its 7th.year of peace, and due to the stabilization of its economy, Angola has reached substantial levels of growth, from 2005 to 2008, registering the following GDP rates: 20,6%, 18%, 23,3% and 13,8%, respectively, while in the same period, the inflation rate has experienced a variation in the order of 23%, 13,3%, 11,8% and 13%.

These national efforts are, unfortunately, being negatively affected, by the current economic and financial global crisis whose effects we are trying to mitigate. You are all aware that my Country is highly dependent of the production of oil and diamonds, all together accounting for around 60 % of the GDP.

For these reasons, my Government has already put in place a National Plan for the period of 2010 to 2011, having into consideration the constraints caused by this situation.

One of the main challenges of my Government, in the National Plan, is the diversification of the productive structures. For the first time in Angola Economic history, the participation of the Non Oil Sector to the GDP will represent 52 % while the Oil and diamonds Sector will account for just 48 %.

The fundamental priorities and objectives of the National Plan, among others, are as follow:

- i. To ensure a high and sustainable rhythm of economic development with macroeconomic stability, diversification of economic structures;**
- ii. To stimulate the private sector development and national entrepreneurial support;**

- iii. To implement a rural and peri-urban development policy to mitigate the imbalance in the quality of life between the rural and urban areas;**
- iv. To promote an accelerated industrial development aiming at reducing competitively the imports and promoting exports;**
- v. To rehabilitate and develop the infrastructures necessary to the reconstruction and development of the Country;**

With these objectives, my Government is expecting average growth rates of the GDP, from 0,8 % to 9,8 %, from 2009 to 2011, and reduction of inflation rates from 12,5 % to 9,0 % , for the same period.

Based on the National Plan, all the sectors have developed their own specific executive programmes. Regarding particularly the Manufacturing Sector, the programme consists of (4) sub programmes, namely the:

- Construction of Basic Infrastructures supporting the establishment of new industries;**

- **Competitive Diminution of Imports and Exports Promotion;**

- **Human Resources Development; and**

- **Institutional Capacity Building.**

With the implementation of this Executive Programme the Manufacturing Sector expects to achieve the following average growth rates in the next coming years: 9,0 %, 20,0 % e 15,0 %, in 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively, and an accumulated number of almost 30.000 jobs until 2012.

As your Excellencies have observed, this Programme, in particular, as well as the National Plan that incorporates the several sectoral executive Programmes, in general, constitute instruments that open opportunities of business to national and foreign direct investors.

These additional factors to Peace and Tranquility, as well as the Macroeconomic stability, reached, make my Country a good destination for investments.

In doing so, I take this opportunity to convey through you, Excellencies, this message to those who are willing to

invest in my Country, establishing partnership with the National Public or Private Sector.

Mr. President

Ladies and Gentlemen

The implementation of the Executive Programme of the Angolan Manufacturing Sector requires skills for its successful follow up, so the Sector would like to count on UNIDO's expertise in the establishment of a technical unit for its monitoring.

I would not like to conclude this statement without reiterating my Government support to UNIDO Director General Management proposals to the Great challenges that our Organization is going to experiment in the coming years, with a view of finding solutions to the Members States needs.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

JE VOUS REMERCIE DE VOTRE AIMABLE ATTENTION

MUCHAS GRACIAS POR VOSTRA AMABLE ATENCION

AGRADEÇO A VOSSA AMÁVEL ATENÇÃO