

Good morning Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director General, honorable ministers and distinguished delegates. My government presents its condolences to the Government and the people of Nigeria for the disappearance of President Umaru Yar'Adua and to his family our sympathy and solidarity. Mr. Chairman the government of my country congratulates you on your election and my delegation augurs productive deliberations under your experienced chairmanship and with our support. My delegation expresses our gratitude to the Secretariat for the elaboration of the documents before us and takes note of the yearly report and illustrative speech of Director General yesterday morning.

Mr Chairman, Mr. Director General, the Colombian government including the one to be elected at the end of this month will keep on working to achieve the millennium development goals and are committed to further sustainable developing with the coincidence of goals with the organization under your leadership namely environment and energy and under the sign of efficiency.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director General, honorable ministers and distinguished delegates, My delegation shares the deep concern with the coastal countries of the Gulf of Mexico caused by oil spill in the region. It constitutes a challenge for any society seeking to stand to its energy needs without harming our fragile environment. For this reasons we believe that energy companies could become the best partners of UNIDO at exploring alternative sources and by disseminating such better practices and technologies framed in a formulation of energy and industry policy through the scope of all development partners with UNIDO championing for environmentally sustainable energy. Nevertheless we observe with preoccupation that stocks on fossil fuels instead of diminishing unless their contents in carbon and replacing them by cleaner sources are growing irresistibly.

For us energy efficiency means:

More power for less emission, its proper distribution and engines and devices that are able to heat, illuminate, refrigerate and transport more for less. And specially the building industry has to be proactive since it is in buildings that we use 60 % of the world energy.

Colombia has registered 20 projects of clean development mechanism (CDM), 130 projects on emission reduction under the CDM's of the Kyoto Protocol with a reduction potential of 15 million tones of CO<sub>2</sub>. In the productive sectors of energy, industrial production, transportation, forestry and waste among others. Six mega projects in Colombia have been issued with certifications on emission reduction (CER). They count for about 60 million USD during the initial four years face over ridding the 40 millions USD goal planed. The sale of CER's in Colombia is entering the group of the 30 most productive export sectors. Colombia is the 12<sup>th</sup> most performing country in terms of green economies and CDM's projects.

The cooperation with UNIDO has been instrumental in order to implement cleaner production techniques in pilot project at the planed in the city of Medellin. However as assessed by external evaluation findings contracted by the evaluation units, the pilot period has lasted for 3 years and dissemination of lessons learn is urgently needed in other parts of the country. Evaluation of efficacy and efficiency, in the spirit of the Accra Declaration on international cooperation including technical cooperation have to strengthened, as well as its results and contribution to achieving MDG'S.

In achieving development goals we have strengthened the agro industrial production. 90% of our food is produced on national efforts and a supplies has grown on 5,2% during the last 3 years. Agro industry contributes to our energy security through bio - fuels, which do not use food for its processing and does not cause any detriment to farmers income. 85% of their composition are biodegraded in 28 days. We want to shares this expertise with other countries and we believe that UNIDO can play a crucial role as a catalytic partner. We also believe that UNIDO can deliver as one with other UN-Agencies, such as IAEA by applying its nuclear technology applications to agro-industry. Colombia has only benefited in a limited manner of this advances and we think together we can do more. On the other hand and as it has been presented during the last GC, Colombia hosts the CIAT, which has a UN mandate to research on cassava for feeding the world and the of intellectual property and improvements in crops and plagues fighting are distributed for free to any country asking for it. At present the CIAT is working on bio-fuel research from cassava that might be interesting for some countries not only to combat poverty and hunger as we have been doing for the past 40 years but also as a matter of energy security in the future.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director General we observe with attentive support UNIDO commitment to upgrade the organization and its processes. We wish that our country can contribute to this common endeavor

by means of sharing our experts and knowledge. After almost one decade of cooperation with UNIDO through the regional office in Bogota, our common endeavors have grown more ambitious, as well as the qualifications of our national officers through experiences that deserve to be shared. As a middle income country Colombia has been a founder and good fellow of initiatives and constitutes a showcase of sustainable green growth. Middle income countries have well developed and functional infrastructure, educated human resources and solid institutions. They have become important producers of manufactured and semi-manufactured items counting for over 30 % of world trade. In spite of this, MIC's have not drawn special attention of UN agencies. The UN system has designed programs for Least Developed Countries, for Small Island Countries (SIC), for the Poorest of the Poor and a number of diverse categorizations of countries according to different levels and circumstances in their development. Middle Income Countries deserve a chapter for themselves, since they are in the midway after having overwhelmed primary stages of growth, they are underway to a higher momentum of their productive sectors. MIC can share lessons learned with less developed countries and can be catalytic to the proper and more efficient delivery of aid, technical assistance and cooperation by donors.

After a successful decade dedicated to Africa, MIC are spreading also in that continent. Approximately one third of the world could be classified under that category and specific policies should be undertaken to meet the needs of that great proportion of the world's population. By supporting MIC and their transfers of knowledge to less developed countries in a South – South frame, UNIDO can take the lead by contributing to the design and implementation of Technical Cooperation programs as a part of the Change Management Initiative that should benefit all members including Middle Income Countries in a new active participation as providers of TC within and beside the personal structure of UNIDO, as well as in the existing frames of triangle North - South and South - South Cooperation. The Colombian contribution to the African decade can be seen not only in the mentioned programs of biotechnology applied to agro-industry in the fight against hunger and poverty, but also in the planning and building of friendlier cities. UN Habitat has awarded Bogota, Medellin and other minor cities in Colombia for their performance in preventing youth criminality through implementation of citizen education programs, and thanks to Transrapid Bus systems. Initially built in our capital and as a concept that has been exported to Santiago de Chile and which is already or will be replicated in African cities like Johannesburg, Dar Es Salam, Kigali, Kampala and Nairobi major cities in Colombia have reduced their emissions in the transportation sector by a half, along with the injection of ethanol to our fuels and the use of clean natural gas for the Swedish and German engines run in the system. Here, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Director we can see how triangle cooperation can be achieved: European motorization combined with Colombian concepts of transportation and effective mobility for African capital cities.

In the field of effective Housing, we have run a long way on affordable solutions with the important component of earth quake precautionary building patterns in the cost efficient homes for the poor, which have been also replicated in cities of Central America that have fallen under natural disasters.

These and many other success stories Made in the South deserve to be followed and replicated in other southern countries. Mr. president, Mr. Director Colombia relies on the convening capacities of UNIDO to be able to share these success experiences with other less developed partners. This a great opportunity for UNIDO, our organization to utilize best practices to build on the commitments of more developed countries to interlink middle developed countries knowledge to the needs of less developed countries.

Thanks you very much.