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THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF UNIDO**

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In the Name of God

Mr. President,

I would like to express condolences of my delegation to the people of Nigeria for loss of their president.

Mr. President,

At the outset, I congratulate you on your election as the president of the 37th session of the Industrial Development Board and also extend my congratulation to the other members of the Bureau on their election. I have confidence that under your able leadership this session will have successful conclusion.

I would also like to express my appreciation to your predecessor H.E Mr. Jerry Ugokwe, Permanent Representative of Nigeria, to the members of the outgoing Bureau for their outstanding work during the former session as well as the Secretariat for continuing efforts.

My delegation welcomes the reelection of Mr. Yumkella as a Director General of UNIDO and would like to express its appreciation for his continued dedication to the Organization.

Mr. President,

Associating fully with the statements of the Asian Group as well as Group77 and China, I limit our statement to item 3 of the agenda, Annual Report 2009.

Mr. President,

My delegation takes note of the Annual Report 2009 and would like to express its appreciation to the Secretariat's efforts for preparation of the report that highlights the continued contributions in the three priority areas.

The problem of poverty continues to remain a serious challenge for many parts of the world and the financial crisis that overshadowed the world's economy in 2009 intensified this issue. As poverty reduction through productive activities is one of UNIDO's three thematic priorities, it is highly necessary in the current situation that UNIDO takes appropriate measures for attracting more resources aiming at implementation of further projects under this thematic priority area.

As rightly pointed out in the report that trade capacity building is the key to sustainable industrial development and to enable developing countries to enter the global marketplace. In this regard, we believe that UNIDO is fully qualified to help private and public industry sectors in developing countries increase competitive supply capacity

as well as enhance the quality of goods that meet international standards.

My delegation notes that of UNIDO's three thematic priorities, environment and energy attracted the largest share with \$82.5 million, almost two-thirds of which come from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol. My delegation welcomes the UNIDO's Green Industry Initiative and is of the view that UNIDO, due to its valuable experience, is able to assist client countries to attain energy and water efficiency, cleaner production and the environmentally sound management of chemicals and technologies.

My delegation is pleased to note that UNIDO continued to work towards greater decentralization of its activities, and was able to expand its field network and reinforce its existing field offices. While acknowledging the role of field offices in effective and efficient technical cooperation delivery by the Organization, we are of the view that coordination between UNIDO Headquarters, UNIDO Representatives and national counterparts, would contribute to a better follow-up of projects implementation

Regarding the UNIDO's cross cutting programs, My delegation acknowledges that South – South cooperation enables developing countries to benefit from the experiences of the more advanced developing economies. While welcoming expansion of the UNIDO centers for South – South Industrial cooperation, we believe that sharing experiments among the centers makes them more efficiently and effectively managed.

Thank you, Mr. President.