

**Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine  
at the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO  
(Vienna, 10-12 May 2010)**

Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 2009

**Mr. Chairman,**

Taking this opportunity I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and other members of the Bureau on your election and to wish all delegations gathered today successful deliberations.

On behalf of the Government of Ukraine we would like to positively note the annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization for 2009 and welcome UNIDO's efforts to improve the management and financial situation of UNIDO as well as to secure the fulfilment of the main priorities of the Organization stated in the Medium-term Programme Framework 2010-2013.

Ukraine welcomes the various measures undertaken in the field of human resource management and administrative reforms, in particular those measures which aim at a stronger field presence and at improving team building and leadership capabilities on all levels. We note with satisfaction efforts planned by the UNIDO's Secretariat in order to introduce refinements to the organizational structure aimed at strengthening further the Organization's capacity to respond effectively to the industrial development needs.

With reference to the performance indicators contained in the annual report and its related documents, we are glad to note the increasing rate of collection of assessed contributions and technical cooperation delivery in UNIDO comparing with previous years. We consider this fact as an important sign of the growing trust to the UNIDO's activities. UNIDO's focus on the three thematic priorities – poverty reduction through productive activities, trade and capacity building, energy and environment - continues to be one of the major elements of the Organization's success in the recent years.

Ukraine welcomes the recent focus of UNIDO on programmes and projects in the field of environment, energy efficiency and renewable energy. The transfer of cleaner and environmentally sound technologies, increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy resources remain one of the main priorities for our country. We welcome the idea to organize a Regional Workshop on Policy Options for Wood Energy in the Newly Independent States

Region (NIS) in Minsk in June 2010. We are sure that this event will help to broaden participation and further develop UNIDO's initiatives in the sphere of environment and energy in our region.

**Mr. Chairman.**

The cooperation between Ukraine and UNIDO has increased in volume and is also becoming more diversified.

Further strengthening of cooperation with UNIDO is considered as a matter of utmost importance for our country. We express our appreciation for UNIDO's interest to set up National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPCs) and Technology Foresight Centre in Ukraine. We are considering also the possibility to establish UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Ukraine in order to further intensify our cooperation with UNIDO.

We welcome the implementation of technical cooperation projects together with UNIDO and GEF. One of such projects on "Improving Energy Efficiency and Promoting Renewable Energy in the Agro-Food and other Small and Medium Enterprises" is about to start now in our country.

Let me take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Europe and NIS Programme and other units of UNIDO in order to facilitate the cooperation of Ukraine with the Organization and increase project activities in the region.

Unfortunately, due to the current financial problems in Ukraine the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine will not be able to fully pay the Ukrainian contributions to the UNIDO's budget in accordance with the Payment plan signed between Ukraine and UNIDO. We properly informed the Secretariat of UNIDO about these temporary difficulties and we are trying to work out, together with the UNIDO's Secretariat, an acceptable scheme in order to properly resolve this problem.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me express on behalf of the delegation of Ukraine our common hope that the current discussion will yield tangible results in the implementation of the tasks entrusted upon this session.

**I thank you, Mr. Chairman.**