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On Agenda item 3: Annual report of the Director-General

Mr. Chairman,

Ukraine notes the annual report of the Director General for 2010. The report includes the programme performance report as well as helpful information on operational activities for developments, including the comprehensive policy review. We appreciate the information on UNIDO's role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Ukraine also takes note of the report of the Director General on the midterm review of the medium-term programme frame work for 2010-2013, particularly with reference to measures taken to strengthen the role of UNIDO in the field of industrial policies and proposed road map covering the biennium 2012-2013.

We welcome efforts undertaken by UNIDO in implementing ambitious UNIDO's Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal. We hope that realization of the principals "Growth with Quality" and "Delivering as one UNIDO" will make the Organization "fit to the future" and enable it to strengthen further its capacity to respond effectively to the needs and expectations of Member States. We encourage efforts designed to strengthen field presence. We note with satisfaction that the realization of the quick wins has already contributed to increasing the efficiency of the Organization.

We further welcome the contributions that UNIDO makes to the goal of sustainable development. We support UNIDO programmes related to the goal of ensuring universal access to modern energy services and preventing climate change. We believe that renewable energy technologies (RETs) will play a primarily role in meeting these goals. In this regard, we welcome the approval by UNIDO and GEF the project proposal aimed at promoting and supporting integrated demonstration of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in industry to be implemented in Ukraine.

We would also like to express our support to Vienna Energy Forum and other international meetings co-organized by UNIDO, in cooperation with relevant partners, to provide a platform for exploring the challenges of the 21-st century in the area of energy and environment.

Mr. Chairman.

We would like to note with appreciation that the cooperation between Ukraine and UNIDO is being increased in volume and becoming more diversified.

Further strengthening of cooperation with UNIDO is considered as a matter of importance for my 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.

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

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.

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Item 4: "Appointment of an External Auditor"

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to confirm that the Government of Ukraine presented the candidacy of Dr. Valentyn SYMONENKO, Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, for the post of External Auditor of UNIDO for a two year period starting from 1 July 2012.

The Government of Ukraine strongly believes that the Chairman of the Accounting Chamber of Ukraine, with the assistance of its highly experienced team, can provide auditing services to UNIDO of a high technical and professional level. We are confident that Mr. Symonenko can also contribute to further enhancement of the Organization's financial procedures, the accounting system and, in general, its administration and management.

Ukraine took note of the outcome of the discussion held during 27-th session of the Program and Budget Committee with a view of preparing ground for tabling a decision on this matter at the UNIDO General Conference in December.

Thank you.