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Mr. President:

Let me first extend my warmest congratulations on your election as the President of Industrial Development Board. I am confident that under your excellent leadership, this session will be fruitful and successful. At the same time, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to H.E. Mr. Balázs Csuday, Ambassador of Hungary, for his excellent work as the President of the 40<sup>th</sup> session.

Now, the world economic recovery is moving forward amid twists and turns with many uncertain and unstable factors. Global development issue remains prominent. Despite the positive progress the international community has made in implementing the MDGs, it remains an urgent challenge to meet all MDGs in time. To achieve economic and social development, countries around the world have given more attention to the development of the real economy, including the industry. Some developed countries have put forward their strategies of reindustrialization, while a large number of developing countries, particularly LDCs, have expressed the hope to achieve economic and social development through faster industrialization. We are fully aware that the mission and task of UNIDO is heavy, demanding and challenging.

In this session, the Board will recommend a candidate for the post of the new Director General of UNIDO, as well as discuss a number of important items such as annual report 2012, program and budgets

2014-2015, outcome document of informal working group on the future of UNIDO. This will be crucial to the future operation and development of UNIDO in a rather long period. Hereby I wish to share with you some of my observations:

**Firstly, we need to take the election of the Director General as an opportunity for the better development of UNIDO.**

In his term as the Director General of nearly eight years, Mr. Yumkella has made important contribution to the stable development of UNIDO, and this will leave us a rich legacy. The Chinese delegation highly appreciates his contribution and wishes him all the best in his future career.

This February, the Chinese government nominated Mr. Li Yong, Vice Minister of Finance of China, as the candidate for the post of the next Director General. Mr. Li Yong has worked in several international and regional development agencies, government as well as the private sector.

At the candidates' forum held on May 21, Mr. Li Yong fully demonstrated his rich experience and outstanding skills in the area of development and fund mobilization. China is confident that Mr. Li Yong is fully competent for the post of the Director General of UNIDO. In this position, he will lead the organization to overcome difficulties and seize opportunities, help developing countries realize sustainable industrial development and provide comprehensive and efficient services to all Member States. The Chinese government is committed to the continuous full support to the work of UNIDO as well as its new DG, and will significantly increase its voluntary contribution to UNIDO, with a view to enabling the organization to play a greater role in promoting sustainable industrial development.

**Secondly, we should use the outcome document of the informal working group as a guideline to promote sustainable industrial development.**

Under the leadership of the Co-Chairs, the informal working group has made encouraging progress in the last 20 months and produced a visionary outcome document for the future of UNIDO. China would like to thank the Co-Chairs for their great effort. China (acknowledges?) endorses the proposals in the outcome document that UNIDO should leverage its unique strengths, take a result-oriented approach, and prioritize work in its three pillar areas of productive capacity-building, trade capacity-building and improvement of environmental and resources efficiency. This will enable UNIDO to better fulfill its mandate of promoting sustainable industrial development. In this regard, China is of the view that this outcome document provides great insights for exploring the future development of UNIDO.

**Thirdly, we need to reinvigorate UNIDO through the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference as a milestone.**

Over the last few years, several Member States withdrew from UNIDO. The development of the organization comes across some difficulties and challenges. However, generally Member States still have great faith in this organization. As the world further attach attention to the industrial development, the core mandate of UNIDO is receiving greater recognition, and UNIDO will become more relevant in the emerging post-2015 development agenda. China believes UNIDO is facing unique opportunities. In this December, the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference will be held in Lima, Peru. Member States will be given an opportunity through this session for a full discussion on a series of

important issues, and to adopt the new Lima Declaration and Plan of Action, thus shining a light on the path and priorities for the future development of UNIDO. The Chinese government appreciates the great contribution of the Government of Peru in preparing for the conference, and will make joint efforts with all Member States to ensure a full success of this session.

Mr. President,

China highly values the important role of UNIDO in the area of South-South Cooperation. For a long time, China and UNIDO have had extensive cooperation and achieved significant outcome in sectors such as the promotion of practical technologies, capacity building and utilization of clean energy. China will deepen its cooperation with UNIDO through South-South Cooperation and other modalities, in order to further exchange development experience with other developing countries, promote industrial advancement, and achieve common development.

To conclude, I wish this session a complete success.

Thank you Mr. President.