

**AFRICAN GROUP STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE LIMA DECLARATION AT THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN LIMA, PERU, DELIVERED BY H.E. MICHAEL A.O.OYUGI, AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KENYA, 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2013.**

Madam President,

Hon. Ministers,

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the African Group, I have the honour to welcome the adoption of the Lima Declaration: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Development by this august assembly.

It is noteworthy that through this Declaration, UNIDO Member States in their unanimity have, amongst other things, re-enforced their commitment towards achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Industrial development underpinned by inclusivity and sustainability is indeed, a firm foundation for nurturing sustained economic growth.

The Lima Declaration also will help to further enhance active engagement by UNIDO in the ongoing process of elaboration of the post - 2015 global development agenda.

Following its adoption this afternoon, The African Group looks forward to a speedy and comprehensive implementation of the Declaration. This will go a long way in strengthening the industrial base of Member States, leading in turn to a genuine transition of our economies towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Thank you Madam President.