

**Statement delivered by the Representative of Malawi to the fifteenth session  
of the UNIDO General Conference**

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Your Excellencies

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Ladies and Gentlemen

It is with the utmost pleasure that I join others in commending our Hosts, Peru for an excellent level of preparedness and organization for this UNIDO General Conference. I bring greetings from the people of the Warm Heart of Arica, Malawi.

Malawi commends the work of the former Director General, Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, for his particular passion for LDC related issues and indeed congratulate Mr LI Yong on his election to the position. I believe that UNIDO will continue to prioritise under his leadership matters related to the LDC group, to which Malawi belongs.

Turning to the 15<sup>th</sup> General Conference I believe and stand convinced that the outcomes encapsulated in both the LDC Ministerial Meeting Declaration and the Lima Declaration on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development are timely and relevant.

President

My country will continue to cooperate with UNIDO under key programmes particularly now with the SQAM project under the Malawi Bureau of Standards. The Project is a showpiece and show case demonstration of perhaps what can be classified as UNIDO's biggest strength, which is support for rejuvenation quality infrastructure globally. I also recognize current work undertaken by UNIDO on the Connectedness Index and other tremendously useful knowledge products.

I however wish to suggest that additional and follow up activities on such products as the Investment Promotion Platform and others need to be carried out to ensure continued usability and review extent of private sector utilization. The generation of knowledge products would be more beneficial through follow ups and follow through. Given the fact that a number of years have passed since the IPP was developed, it would be imperative to carry out reviews on the extent of usefulness and share in the general conference or other fora, the outcomes.

Lastly Chairperson, on behalf of the Government of Malawi, I wish to call upon UNIDO to upgrade its presence in Malawi through the setting up of a Representative Office, given the several and growing activities that coordinated currently in a relatively disjointed manner. In our view, this would improve delivery and probably reduce costs.

Ms President

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen

I thank you for your attention.