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Mr. President,  
Mr. Director General,  
Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Polish Delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Germany on behalf of the European Union.

I wish to take this opportunity to highlight a few points which are of importance to my country.

At the outset,

I would like to join other speakers in congratulating you Mr. President, on your election. I assure you of my delegation's full support in all your endeavors.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank the government and the people of Peru for their kind offer to organize this session of the GC and for the outstanding hospitality extended to all participants of the conference in Lima.

Mr. President,

From the point of view of a representative of Poland, a country, that underwent over the last 20 years an impressive transition from a

development aid beneficiary, to a net contributor to international development assistance, I would like to underline the fundamental role industry played in the process. From all the EU Member States, Poland has the biggest share of GDP coming from the industry and the only one that survived the economic and financial crisis, while its economy was steadily growing. Industry was the key here. We remain a strong industrial country who champions industry as a way of fighting poverty.

Poland's experience proves best that capacity to manufacture is highly relevant for national economies. And so is the mandate of UNIDO – the only UN agency entrusted with a mission to promote industrial development worldwide. Organization's relevance is also reflected by the the growing demand towards UNIDO's services. On behalf of the Government of Poland I wish to express our satisfaction with the continuous increase in UNIDO's technical cooperation activities, with delivery reaching almost 187 mln US dollars in December this year.

At the same time, let me point out clearly that we value the quality even more than quantity. We would like to therefore request UNIDO to carry out its activities with due respect of the principles of efficiency and accountability. We insist on results based approach and on giving particular attention to the developmental impact of projects.

Mr. President,

I am glad to note, that there have been numerous positive developments in the cooperation between Poland and the Organization. Allow me to touch upon a few of our joint achievements:

Working towards trade capacity building together with UNIDO, Poland financed Organization's regional training programme on Trade Capacity Building in Central Asia. The aim of this training was to strengthen national capacities of Central Asian countries in the field of trade and modern quality infrastructure. We gladly acknowledged, that the 1<sup>st</sup> training held in Kirgizstan was highly valued and appreciated by the participating countries and we are looking forward to host its second module, which will be organized in Warsaw in early summer next year.

Poland has also supported, already 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row a UNIDO project in aiming at strengthening fruits and vegetable sub sectors in Tajikistan.

We expect that the abovementioned project will bring tangible results in terms of creating new jobs and improving food security.

Poland also supports UNIDO's activities in the field of industry-related environment and energy, in particular green industry initiative and the flagship project of Green Industry Platform. This year Poland for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time supported UNIDO in organizing the Vienna Energy Forum, which in our assessment provides an excellent platform for discussion and exchange of ideas, as well as raises the profile of the Organization in the international arena.

Mr. President,

We would like to reiterate our deep appreciation for the efforts done by the Organization in implementing the Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal. In this respect my delegation appreciates the dedication of the PCOR team as well as the commitment of the entire staff which allowed to successfully carry out this difficult exercise. We commend UNIDO for providing Member States with information on the portfolio of technical cooperation projects and on Human Capital *via* the extranet platform and further encourage the Organization to use the opportunities given by the ERP system to improve decentralization, enhance monitoring information, and ameliorate knowledge sharing. We wish to underline that we attach great importance to the continuation of change management reform and encourage Director General to assure strong leadership for the implementation of the initiative.

Mr. President,

I would like to conclude by reaffirming Poland's ongoing commitment to UNIDO and our interest in the continued dialogue with the Organization. We wish Director-General LI every success in taking UNIDO forward and firmly placing the Organization's mandate in the post 2015 agenda.

Thank you.