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**Statement of the serving Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and
Development of Germany, Mr. Dirk Niebel**

Thank you, Mr President,

The German Delegation associates itself with the statement I delivered before on behalf of the European Union. I would like to highlight a few points in addition which are of importance to my country.

First of all, I wish to congratulate Director General Li Yong to his impressive election at the helm of the UNIDO. The result is a reflection of his high reputation which is shared by the German government. We wish DG Li good luck for his tenure and we are very confident that with his good sense of judgement he will lead UNIDO into a positive direction.

We would like to underline our strong commitment to UNIDO. At the same time, Germany is deeply concerned that the decisions taken by some member states to withdraw from UNIDO may lead to a situation, where the organization loses critical mass.

Inclusive and sustainable industrial development is essential for creation of decent jobs and poverty reduction. UNIDO does important work in this area. The Lima Declaration underlines that UNIDO should concentrate its activities mainly in this field. No doubt, there is a huge demand for global governance on industry policy and

for industry development in developing countries. Germany is highly interested that UNIDO further sharpens its profile as world leader on industry policy, especially in the field of poverty reduction through productive activities – a profile highlighting UNIDO's specific know-how and comparative advantage.

This is the reason why I feel it is necessary to focus UNIDO's activities on its core mandate which is inclusive and sustainable industrial development, which has to be further strengthened. We are convinced that this mandate provides a unique position within the UN family and remains of high relevance for global governance and to developing countries, emerging economies and developed states.

Germany considers as core activities the development of national and regional industry strategies and policies, the development of value chains, esp. for innovative branches and those with high impact for fighting poverty, trade capacity building, the implementation of standards and last but not least private sector development, including institution building.

UNIDO does important work in the field of trade capacity building. Division of labour in the international field has to be maintained as an important source of wealth. It remains important to better integrate developing countries in international trade by providing assistance in capacity building.

Furthermore, we believe that through a broadened cooperation with UNCTAD, WTO and ILO on multilateral rules for industry, trade and labour, UNIDO may increase its impact on the elaboration of the post-2015 development goals.

Cooperation with UNCTAD, ITC and other institutions working in the field of industry and trade, will help to achieve additional efficiency gains.

With regard to UNIDO's work in industry related fields of environment, energy, rural development and food safety, we need to avoid duplication of work and priorities, especially with regard to UNEP and FAO/IFAD.

Thank you very much.