

Statement of Hungary at the 15th General Conference of UNIDO

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Mr. President,

Let me congratulate you and assure you of the full support of my delegation. I would also like to fully align ourselves with the statement on behalf of the European Union.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentleman,

Over the last year it was often recalled that UNIDO finds itself at a crossroads and that this juncture is not only one of challenge, but equally one of opportunity. We believe UNIDO left this juncture behind and got on the right track, with the smooth election of Mr. Li as DG and the finalization of the strategic guidance document in June this year. With the current adoption of the Lima Declaration Member States seized a crucial moment. It is now up to us and the Secretariat to start putting into practice the goals specified in the Declaration and implement them to make the most of it for UNIDO.

Hungary believes that defining the strategy of development after 2015 is among the most important long-term multilateral agendas existing today. The task is complex, but the mission should be clear: make our common development sustainable which should not just be equal with endeavours to protect the environment. The mission is to make sure that our economies and societies will serve us all and serve the generations to come. Hungary believes that UNIDO has a role to play in this mission.

Mr. President,

We attach utmost importance to the issue of water and sanitation. Hungary organized the Budapest Water Summit in October this year in order to take stock of the various international developments in the field of water. We believe that this issue needs to be addressed in an integrated way to achieve a human rights based social development, prosperity and ecological balance. The agenda of the sustainable development goals needs to be articulated in an interlinked way.

One of the outcomes of the Vienna Energy Forum held in May 2013 was to set parallel targets for water and energy, and as a follow up Hungary - as the Chair of the IDB at that time - organized this June a panel discussion on the nexus between energy and water in Vienna. We believe that UNIDO has a mandate in this field and should explore the possibility to cooperate with the EU and other UN agencies on "water and energy".

Hungary is actively working together with UNIDO in framing technical co-operation projects in line with the notion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. One of our priorities when working with UNIDO is the relevance of social inclusion in creating better opportunities for decent job creation, and better living conditions for marginalized groups. Forming such projects in the field of energy and environment also has the potential to cut the employment gap and thus improving social and economic inclusion.

The post - 2015 Agenda should reinforce the international community's commitment to poverty eradication and sustainable development with inclusive and sustainable industrial development as a relevant component. It should also prioritize a profound economic transformation to eradicate extreme poverty and improve livelihoods.

UNIDO has a particular value as the central coordinator of international industrial cooperation in the UN system. We believe that the Organization will be able to further its relevance in and provide a significant contribution to the single overarching post-2015 development agenda.

The adoption of the Lima Declaration is a milestone for the Organization, as Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) became a core notion of UNIDO. Both the Secretariat and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Peru deserve credit for their hard work in having prepared it. The Lima Declaration also provides guidance to UNIDO to influence the post 2015 process as the notion of ISID could eventually end up being included in the Sustainable Development Goals. Hungary as the co-chair of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals in New York will do its best to achieve a consensual, and forward-looking win-win formula as the outcome of the negotiation process.

Mr. President,

The strong commitment and confidence of Hungary to UNIDO is demonstrated by our approach to regularly leave our share of unutilized balances with UNIDO. Our continued interest in the affairs of UNIDO is also shown by the candidature of Mr. László Domokos, President of the State Audit Office of Hungary for the External Auditor position. I am convinced that besides performing the standard tasks of auditing, Mr Domokos and his team would contribute to UNIDO's

strategic goals and foster accountability and transparency in UNIDO's finances for the benefit of the organization and its Member States.

Hungary would also like to invite all delegates to the cocktail reception today at 2 o'clock on the second floor of the Hotel in the restaurant Market 770.

Thank you, Mr. President