

Statement of Hungary

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Item 9 a) UNIDO's assistance to Member States towards achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development

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 delivered by Italy on behalf of the European Union.

I would like to briefly reflect on the activities of UNIDO and the cooperation between UNIDO and Hungary related to the implementation of its strategy to work towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development. We take note that the work carried out by UNIDO in 2013 targets the integration of this organization as a leading partner in the Post-2015 Development Agenda debate.

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. The mission is to make sure that our economies, societies, environment and partnerships will serve us all and serve the generations to come. Hungary believes that UNIDO and its technical co-operation projects have a role to play in this mission.

Mr. President,

Hungary is actively working together with UNIDO in framing a technical co-operation project in line with the notion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The project currently being prepared reflects one of our priorities when working with UNIDO, which is the relevance of social inclusion in creating better opportunities for decent jobs and better living conditions for disadvantaged and marginalized groups, including ethnic minorities, like the Roma population.

The aim of the planned project, is to analyse social exclusion and community development challenges and to create a knowledge exchange platform for addressing these problems. The project focuses on disadvantaged communities in the countries of the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This platform could facilitate knowledge sourcing that can ultimately identify best available social inclusion solutions by creating partnerships and not only use traditional approaches, such as market mechanisms and government interventions, but ultimately lead to new innovative multi-stakeholder approaches. Forming such projects in the field of agri-business, energy and environment also has the potential to cut the employment gap and thus improving social and economic inclusion.

In this regard we welcome the decisions to simplify and adopt new methods of working in order to optimize and streamline the critical functions of UNIDO. We look forward to see the implementation of the updated and simplified internal project and programme appraisal and approval system, while ensuring that it remains time-bound, rule-based, and transparent, and without compromising quality.

Mr. President,

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.

Thank you.