

TUNISIA  
Item 3

**Statement of H. E M. Ghazi Jomaa, Ambassador Permanent Representative  
at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Industrial Development Board (IDB) of the United Nations  
Organizations for Industrial Development (UNIDO)**

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**Mr Chairman,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguish Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen;**

Let me start to join other delegates in congratulating you and other Members of the Bureau for your election to lead this session. I am confident that under your skilful guidance, this Board will reach tangible results.

I would like also to express my sincere appreciation and esteem to Mr. Li Young, General Director of UNIDO for his valuable support and commitment during his first year in office, to reduce poverty, to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable industrial development and economic growth and to promote the position of the UNIDO as a leading International organization supporting the development in the world.

Tunisia associates itself with the statement made by Group G77 and China and also expresses its high appreciation for the preparation of the Annual Report of the Director General for 2013, which provide a good basis for our deliberations at this session.

**Mr Chairman,**

My delegation expresses its highest appreciation for the organization of the two For a on inclusive and sustainable industrial development held in Vienna in June and November 2014 with the participation of the United Nations Secretary-General and the hosting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Donor meeting in November 2014. We also welcome the ISID UNIDO partnership program and express our wish to be selected as a pilot country under this program.

While welcoming the success of UNIDO Conference “Fostering entrepreneurial youth”, we would like to insist on the fact that job creation and entrepreneurship development represent indeed a means to reduce poverty and to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

In this context, Tunisia notes with satisfaction the progress made by UNIDO programs to promote employment through the development of entrepreneurship and business and reaffirms our commitment to continue our partnership with UNIDO in this regards based on Tunis declaration adopted by the Intrenational Conference on “productive employment and youth in the MENA region” which was organized by UNIDO on 28 and 29 November 2012 in Tunis.

**Mr Chairman,**

Employment of young graduates in innovative sectors, fostering South-South cooperation, strengthening the technology transfer and addressing regional disparity and underdevelopment of the inner areas are also among the challenges our countries are facing and where UNIDO expertise and assistance would be required.

In this regards, many initiatives would be needed in order to bring development process to successful end like the creation of Regional Centers of South-South Cooperation, the strengthening of public-private partnerships, the exchange of good practices and capacity-building.

Furthermore, we would like to highlight, once again, the importance of Lima Declaration Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development, adopted during the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the UNIDO General Conference held in December 2013 which outlined the organization's strategy for the coming year.

**Mr Chairman,**

The success of our cooperation projects and programs requires also the mobilization of necessary funds to finance them. In this regards, we encourage the Organization to explore alternatives and mechanisms to improve and sustain the financial situation.

In conclusion, we are convinced that effective support from the international community including specialized UN organizations and partners is instrumental in order to bring development process to a successful end.

**Thank you**