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Item 4

Statement UNIDO

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Zu halten unter: TOP 4 (f): Appointment of an External Auditor.

Thank you, Mr. President, for giving me the floor.

Since this is the first time that Germany takes the floor, my delegation would like to congratulate you, Mister President, and the other members of the Bureau, on your election and would like to wish all Member States successful deliberations.

I would like to draw your attention to the candidacy of the German Supreme Audit Institution (Bundesrechnungshof) as external auditor of the UNIDO for the biennium 2016-2017. The German SAI is the current External Auditor of UNIDO and would highly appreciate receiving a mandate to continue its work for the next biennium.

By renewing its mandate, member states would benefit from decades of experience in auditing International Organizations. Since 2008, Members of the German SAI have been holding the offices of the highly reputed Chairman of the UN Panel of External Auditors and its Technical Group and, thus, have taken a leading role amongst the external auditors of the UN system.

The German SAI adopts a comprehensive audit approach and sees merits in combining financial audit, compliance audit and performance audit. It is, of course, important to report on financial statements and to check the accuracy of accounting records. It is important to audit compliance with applicable rules and to examine the efficiency of organizational structures. What finally counts however, is drawing the relevant conclusions from audit work to obtain a full picture.

In this way any changes of operational procedures that are most appropriate to achieve savings can be identified. Implementing a comprehensive approach will lead to satisfactory results that really help improve an organization's efficiency and effectiveness.

The German SAI can already look back on one successful year 2014 in working with UNIDO. We noted with appreciation that the recommendations issued by the SAI in its report for 2014 were well received by Member States during the deliberations of the PBC in May, and nurtured the debate on improving the cost efficiency of the organization.

As you can see from this year's audit report for the Financial Statements 2014, following that innovative audit approach will help UNIDO to make best use of financial resources, put funds to more effective use and increase the beneficial impact on the people whose living conditions the organization seeks to improve. This will even enhance the organization's positive image, and UNIDO will grow from strength to strength.

I hope that I have been able to provide good arguments for applying that audit approach and to convince you of the quality of services of the German SAI.

Mr. Ulrich Walter, auditor of the SAI is present in the room today and is at the disposal of delegations for answering any further questions.

Thank you, Mr. President.