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President, DG LI Young, distinguished delegates,

- The International Gas Union has consultative status to UNIDO
- I believe all IGU members are also UNIDO members as we represent 91 countries and our members cover almost 100% of the global gas market.
- IGU HQ is based in Norway and hosted by Statoil
- Membership consists of producers and consumers of gas, exporters and importers, transit countries, of countries with interest in gas
- We have many years of cooperation with UNIDO and SE4All with the former DG Kandeh Yumkella
- IGU also cooperates with UNECE and UNESCO as well as the WBG
- Our UNIDO coop has focused on acceleration of access to affordable, sustainable and environmental friendly energy
- Mitigation of global energy poverty is the key to social and economic development
- Energy services impacts access to food, water, health, education and industrial development
- Case for Europe, USA, Russia and China, and is the same for other countries
- More than 1 billion people lack access to electricity and modern energy services, hindering provision of basic services to people
- All energy forms will be needed – no size fits all
- IGU offers its support in the field of gas, the cleanest of the fossil fuels
- UNIDO, the WB and IGU agreed to focus initially on Sub-sahara Africa as this region is rich in energy resources including natural gas, but low on energy consumption.

- It takes time to develop infrastructure and local gas markets
- Lack of local markets results in focus on export markets and even gas flaring in some regions
- We did our first Gas Competence Seminar in West Africa in 2013 hosted by the government of Ivory Coast where high level delegates from governments and private sector attended.

Ladies and gentlemen,

- IGU is representing the global gas industry and is very supportive to UNIDO's focus on strategic partnership the private sector and other stakeholders
- The energy sector is capital intensive and it is very costly to make mistakes in such strategic investments
- IGU has access to a huge pool of best practice business models, and models for governmental regulations that have proven to be successful
- Strategic investments need a partnership between governments and business
- Our interactive seminar in West Africa proved very successful and we have decided to organize a seminar for Eastern and Southern Africa in collaboration with the government of Mozambique in September this year
- Huge discoveries of natural gas offers in Tanzania and Mozambique offers new opportunities for affordable energy access and industrial development, providing opportunity for jobs and prosperity for people in the whole region
- The seminar will present best practice models for large and small scale gas based industrial development, electricity production based on gas also in combination with renewable energy

- We will also present models for use of gas in the transportation sector, gas and LPG for household use, etc.
- We believe that our partnership and cooperation will support implementation of the Lima declaration of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, as well as
- UNIDO's role in the post 2015 development agenda fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals
- Mr President, DG Li Yang, members of UNIDO - IGU is prepared to work with UNIDO wherever needed all over the world with our global network
- IGU are looking forward to continue and accelerate our cooperation with UNIDO in the years to come.
- Thank you!