Mr. President,

1. It is an honor, in my national capacity, to address the 43rd session of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's Industrial and Development Board. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you, Ambassador Rolf Stalder, Alternate Permanent Representative of Switzerland, on your appointment to lead the current session which, I am convinced; you will do in an exemplary manner. Allow me to thank your predecessor, and the members of the outgoing Bureau for their fine work at the helm of the previous session. I also take this opportunity to thank the Secretariat for their great efforts in preparing the documents necessary for our work.

2. On behalf of my delegation, I wish to express to Director General Li Yong my sincere appreciation for his able leadership and his tireless efforts to drive the Organization through an era of change and difficult challenges. I therefore, associate myself with the position taken by the G77+China and the Asia-Pacific Group Task Force, one of unwavering support to UNIDO.

Mr. President,

1. Indonesia takes note of the challenges UNIDO is facing today, due to budgetary and financial constraints imposed by unfortunate circumstances; such as the withdrawal of certain Member States from the Organization which has resulted in a 10.4 million Euro reduction in the regular budget.

2. Indonesia calls upon the Secretariat to respond to this financial challenge by increasing UNIDO's efficiency in a way that it will not reduce the effectiveness of UNIDO's programs of assistance, especially in the field of Technical Cooperation, in particular in developing countries that seek to advance socially and economically through industrial development.

3. Accordingly, Indonesia, as a strong supporter and committed member of UNIDO, not merely supports the organization, but wishes to make a difference by contributing concretely to the efforts to increase UNIDO's efficiency and inclusivity by putting forward a candidate for the position of External Auditor for the period of 2016-2018. We believe that such participation will not only bring fresh ideas and practices, but also the expected improvement in efficiency and professionalism.

4. The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia - Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan (BPK) is committed to audit the management and accountability of public finance, provide recommendations to improve the quality of management and accountability of public finance, and play an active role in detecting and preventing all forms of financial abuse and fraud.

5. Apart from its mandate in the national audit issues, BPK is engaged in international audit activities and cooperation to share knowledge as well as build capacity. BPK initiated the establishment of ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAI) thus became its first chairman and currently chairs the INTOSAI WGEA as well as being a member of the ASOSAI Governing Board.

6. The External Auditor will directly supervise the work of the audit team for UNIDO. The proposed personnel will be of high expertise in their own field with a wealth of