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**Statement of Namibia delegation at the 43rd Session of the
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**To be delivered by H.E. Mr. Simon Madjumo Maruta,
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Mr. President,

1. At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the 43rd session of UNIDO's Industrial Development Board (IDB). I also extend congratulations to the other members of the Bureau on their election. I am convinced that with your leadership skills, the deliberations at this session will be fruitful. I further assure you of my delegation unwavering full support.
2. I take this opportunity to thank H.E. Teboho Seokolo, Ambassador of South Africa, and the outgoing bureau for the excellent work during the last session of the IDB. Namibia further wishes to express satisfaction in the manner in which the Director-General, Mr. Li Yong, has conducted his work since his appointment as the DG of UNIDO. In addition, we would also like to thank the Secretariat for the excellent work in preparing for this session.
3. With regards to UNIDO's 2014 Annual Report, Namibia takes note with appreciation the various activities and programmes implemented by the organization during the year under review, and further welcomes the initiative of Programme for Country Partnerships (PCP) by the Director General, and looks forward to the implementation of this new initiative. In this regard, Namibia encourages UNIDO to continue its efforts to strengthen the public-private partnerships in Member countries with an emphasis on re-

enforcing small and medium enterprises as they form the backbone of most developing countries' economies.

4. The Lima Declaration of 2013 (GC.15/Res.1) that was adopted at the 15th UNIDO General Conference in Peru reaffirmed the relevance of UNIDO and strengthened its work and its contribution towards the industrialization of developing countries.

5. Namibia recognizes the importance of UNIDO as a specialized agency in the promotion of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) which combines environmental, technological and economic dimensions. In this regard, UNIDO has a major role in reducing poverty through its programmes. In our view, UNIDO is well placed to play a critical role in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

6. Ultimately, industrial development is recognised as a shared responsibility between the private sector and the Government. The Namibian National Policy, therefore, advocates for a smart partnership in Namibia's quest for industrialization, including promoting public-private partnerships (PPPs).

7. Namibia's Industrial Policy emphasizes the importance of commodity-based industrialization and increased value addition to its natural resources. Namibia regards manufacturing as key to the country's development and growth of its economy and this has been recognized through its designation as one of the four priority sectors in NDP4 and the overarching long-term Vision 2030.

8. In conclusion, industrialization should be encouraged in all sectors, the traditional Agro industry, should be maintained and expanded, more so, UNIDO's assistance in other sectors such value

addition to natural resources (raw material) should be encouraged and be part and parcel of ISID.

Thank you, Mr. President

