

AGENDA ITEM 3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of my delegation, I wish to congratulate you on your assumption as Chair of the 43rd Industrial Development Board. I also congratulate the Secretariat for the excellent preparations and arrangements made for this session. Please be assured that my delegation will contribute to the timely and productive conclusion of this session.

The Philippines aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China, the Asian Group, and further wishes to make the following statement in its national capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation commends the hard work of Director-General Li Yong in his first full year in office. We assure the Director General of Philippine support for a substantial role for the Organization in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. Most particularly, the Philippines will play a pro-active role in ensuring that the Organization fulfills its mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development and the elimination of poverty.

Inclusive and sustainable development should be a universal mission. Indeed, the overarching goal of the medium-term Philippine development plan formulated in 2011 is to achieve inclusive growth to reduce poverty. The Philippines welcomes the convergence of our national objectives with UNIDO's priorities, especially after the adoption of the Lima Declaration.

The Philippines notes with appreciation the recognition of South-South and Triangular Cooperation as platforms for the exchange of knowledge, experience, technology, investment, information and capacity between and among countries as a means to accelerate growth and sustainable development. The Philippines considers South-South and Triangular Cooperation as crucial in achieving a scenario where socially and economically developed, interdependent and empowered developing and least developed countries are able to maintain harmony, sustainable growth and manage globalization.

The Philippines also notes the various projects implemented last year under the three components of inclusive and sustainable industrial development, namely inclusive industry, competitive industry, and sustainable industry. The Philippines is itself a beneficiary of two UNIDO projects under sustainable industry stated in the annual report namely, the phase-out of HCFC-141b in the foam manufacturing sector to meet Philippine obligations under the Montreal Protocol and receipt of technical assistance on best available techniques and best environmental practices.

The Philippines reaffirms its solid support to the thrusts and objectives of UNIDO and gives encouragement to the Director General and the Secretariat to progress our Organization towards these lofty goals within a transparent, accountable and consultative framework.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PROGRAMME AND BUDGETS, 2016-2017

Mr. Chairman,

The Philippines aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and the Asian Group.

The Philippines takes note of the current financial situation of the Organization and commends the Director-General for maintaining UNIDO's standing as one of the UN's best performing agencies in terms of effective and efficient delivery of services, notwithstanding the withdrawal of several Member States.

The Philippines likewise supports the efforts of the Organization to achieve efficiency gains in its operations and lauds its efforts to ensure that the quality and timely delivery of services are not compromised.

The Philippines likewise adds its voice to like-minded Member States in calling for more consultations on the proposed rationalization of the UNIDO Field Office Network.

The Philippines is of the view that a balance between provision of ample funds, achieving efficiency gains, and seeking alternative modes of financing must be reached in order for UNIDO to effectively carry out its mandate, especially on inclusive and sustainable development.

Likewise, my delegation deems that the withdrawal of Member States need not be viewed as permanent. The very success of UNIDO in achieving its objectives could be the very magnet that will attract erstwhile Member States back into the fold.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM 6. MEDIUM TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK, 2016-2019

Chico,

I am not sure if this programme framework is based on country frameworks submitted by national authorities of Member States so I would like to be careful about making any statement on this agenda item.

The need for consultation with MS for any restructuring has been mentioned earlier.

AGENDA ITEM 7. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMA DECLARATION

Mr. Chairman,

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The Philippines, recalling Paragraph 19 of the Lima Declaration, takes note of the significant strides made by the organization since the adoption of the Lima Declaration in 2013, particularly in the areas of technical cooperation, where USD 171.2M in technical cooperation services was delivered in 2014, and for which USD 191M from voluntary contributions was sourced.

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AGENDA ITEM 11. INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. NOTE BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.

Mr. Chairman,

The Philippines wishes to make a statement on Agenda Item 11 in its national capacity.

The Philippines takes note of the proposal of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the European Investment Bank to enter into **appropriate** relationships with UNIDO.

The Philippines welcomes the interest of these two organizations to enter into a partnership with UNIDO through development cooperation activities in the areas of capacity-building for small and medium enterprises, innovation and technology transfer, environment and energy, and investment support.

The conclusion of partnership agreements with these two entities could serve to strengthen the capacity of the Organization in delivering its mandate.

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