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**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea
Ambassador SONG Young-wan
at the 43rd Session of
the Industrial Development Board of the UNIDO
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Thank you, Mr. President.

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you on your election as President of the 43rd Session of the Industrial Development Board (IDB) of UNIDO. I am confident that this session will achieve tangible results under your able guidance. As a Vice-President, I assure you of my full support for a successful conclusion of this session.

Let me also thank Director General LI Yong and the Secretariat for their tireless work to re-align UNIDO's priorities and become better integrated into the global development community. Their work in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) will ensure the Organization's relevance in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

My delegation reaffirms its confidence in UNIDO as a strong partner in our common efforts to eradicate global poverty through such productive activities as trade capacity building as well as environment and energy related activities. In this regard, I welcome the success of the 2015 Vienna Energy Forum in fostering dialogue on sustainable energy issues related to inclusive development at this critical juncture just months before the Sustainable Development Goals Summit in New York.

Mr. President,

The challenges faced by UNIDO in this current climate of global financial austerity and the departure of some Member States have obliged us to take the path of zero real growth for the next program and budget.

This was a difficult and painful decision. However, we have every confidence that UNIDO will continue to further increase the effectiveness and efficiency of its operations in a transparent manner in order to ensure that UNIDO provides the best possible value to its Member States and other stakeholders.

In this regard, we take note of the Secretariat's efforts to enhance its operational capacity by applying various measures such as streamlining the program approval process, strengthening partnerships with stakeholders, and enhancing gender mainstreaming and evaluation functions.

These efforts enable UNIDO to compile a series of tangible and meaningful success stories. This compilation will reinforce UNIDO's image and solidify its standing in the ever-changing international development environment. It will draw attention from the Member States that have left the Organization and could serve as an invitation to rejoin in the future.

Mr. President,

We believe that, despite its current difficulties, UNIDO will remain relevant and vital in the global efforts to reduce poverty. We offer you our full support.

Thank you.

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We also note the Secretariat's proposal to request fresh resources for three new elements of the programme and budget—namely, full contribution to the United Nations Resident Coordinator system; the Programme for Country Partnerships; and enterprise resource planning system enhancement. We believe that these elements will help UNIDO to maintain its effectiveness and meet the demands for services and would like to request that the Secretariat provide information on its plans for securing resources.

Finally, we urge all Member States to do their part by paying assessed contributions in full and on time and by settling any arrears. We would also like to appeal to the Member States to positively consider the voluntary renunciation of the Unutilized Balance of Appropriations as compensation for UNIDO's current budget constraints.

Thank you

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Implementation of the Lima Declaration; Towards ISID

Mr. President,

My delegation fully endorses the Lima Declaration and its call for promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The Declaration has given the Organization a mandate and a direction that will ensure UNIDO's relevance, role and reliability as a partner for sustainable development as we transition to the post-2015 agenda.

My delegation reaffirms its confidence in the new program for country partnership which aims at leveraging the resources from multiple stakeholders and creating synergy in the intervention to the development efforts. This will lead to much larger initiatives by the host countries with support from international finance institutions and the private sector. We

note with satisfaction the pilot program launch in Ethiopia and Senegal at the 2nd ISID forum and hope for another successful launch at the 3rd forum in Addis Ababa in July.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Korea has devised a program that combines the existing technical cooperation and development projects into a single type called the “Development Experience Exchange Partnership (DEEP)” to transfer Korea’s successful development experiences more systematically to developing countries. This new approach emphasizes the comprehensive linkage in policy and technical advice, institutionalization and capacity building. It also encourages participation and ownership of the beneficiary countries and mutual accountability with aim of high impact of development cooperation.

My delegation believes that our DEEP program will create opportunities for cooperation with UNIDO’s ISID mandate and PCP strategy. In this regard, Korea has made contributions to the Organization to implement industrial policy and capacity building projects in both the South East Asian and East African regions. Currently, we are also in close consultation with UNIDO for participation in the country partnership program with Cuba.

In closing, we look forward to increased and deepened cooperation with UNIDO in its efforts to contribute actively to the elaboration and implementation of post-2015 development agenda with an aim of eradicating global poverty and realizing inclusive, sustainable and equitable industrial development for the benefit of all humankind.

Thank you. /END/