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Mrs. President,
Mr. Director-General,
Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, allow me, on behalf of the delegation of Democratic People's Republic of Korea(DPRK), to congratulate Mrs. Christine Stix-Hackl on your election to the presidency of the 16th Session of the UNIDO General Conference. I am convinced that your able leadership would lead this session to a success.

I would, also, like to express my appreciation the Secretariat of UNIDO and the Government of the Republic of Austria for their sincere efforts to successfully sponsor this Conference.

Mrs. President,

Humankind has made various efforts to put an end to the centuries-old backwardness and poverty and to establish international system and environment for sustainable development and prosperity. And it has already been 40 years since UNIDO started its activity as a specialized UN agency, which was a part of such efforts.

In its early days, UNIDO has already put forward a concept that poverty can only be eliminated through a powerful, inclusive and sustainable development of industry and economy and presented useful initiatives and concrete action plans for its implementation. For the past two years, UNIDO has made untiring efforts to strengthen its strategic position and enhance efficiency of the organization management.

In relation to this, my delegation highly appreciates the efforts of the Director-General who has participated in the 3rd International Conference on Development Fund-raising that took place in Addis Ababa in July and in the UN Summit for the Adoption of Post-2015 Development Agenda in September this year, where he had successfully convinced the participants of UNIDO's role and urgency of inclusive and sustainable development of industry.

For the past period of review, UNIDO has simplified its internal working procedures and renovated the approaches to assistance provision for the facilitation of

the implementation of “LIMA declaration” from its 15th general conference. While strengthening communication between headquarters and regional as well as country offices, UNIDO has successfully propelled technical cooperation projects worth 190 million USD, which is second largest assistance in terms of scale in the history of the organization.

This is attributable to the efforts of the UNIDO secretariat as well as Mr. Director-General and is also the international recognition of UNIDO’s unshakable position as the coordinator for industrial development of developing countries.

Mrs. President,

Today, economic inequality, unemployment and poverty still persist around the world, which arises as a very dangerous social issue among developing countries that are pushed away to the fringes of the world as the “Globalization” proceeds.

Along with these, another challenge is created by certain states, who infringe upon sovereignty and the right to development of developing countries who do not curry favor with them, and impose sanctions and put pressure to obstruct their economic and social development.

This reality requires UNIDO to provide developing countries with favorable environment and conditions for their inclusive and sustainable development and to become a practical partner for the Member States so as to fully satisfy their needs for industrial development.

UNIDO should give top priority to the cooperation essential for development of national economy and establishment of industry equipped with competitiveness in the developing countries and above all, should no longer tolerate sanctions and blockade of economy that deliberately check the sound and sustainable development of the country and the region.

Following the precedent examples of playing the role of the vanguard in the establishment of green industry on the worldwide scale in the past as the implementing body of cooperation in the clean environment and renewable energy sector, UNIDO should continue to further invigorate south-south cooperation and north-south cooperation to support transfer of environment-friendly technology for industrial development and establishment of renewable energy in developing countries.

With regard to these requirements, it is commendable that a new Sustainable Development Goals replacing the old Millennium Development Goals that will expire in 2015 has been agreed upon and UNIDO has been recognized as the most appropriate body for implementing the new goals in the UN Summit in September.

And I consider it as a reflection of high hopes of the developing countries on the roles of UNIDO.

Mrs. President,

Today, under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade KIM JONG UN, First Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Korean people have made a great progress unprecedented in the past in their struggle for sustainable socio-economic development, braving through all kinds of challenges in the progress.

The political, military provocations and "sanctions" by the United States and other hostile forces to isolate the DPRK have reached its climax this year. However, the Korean people, totally relying on their power, technology and resources, have constructed a large number of edifices such as Paekdusan Youth Hero Power Station, Chongchongan multi-stage power stations, 1st stage of Saepo Stockbreeding Bases, Mirae Scientists' Streets and Science and Technology Hall, which will greatly contribute to the improvement of people's livelihood.

Our efforts to provide people with bountiful and civilized life by mobilizing all the potentials of self-reliance economy giving definite precedence to science and technology will be further strengthened in the future, which will duly contribute to the realization of UNIDO's goal for development of inclusive and sustainable industry.

The DPRK will, in the future too, further strengthen the relations of friendship and cooperation with UNIDO and all its member states and actively engage in the international effort for the shared development and prosperity of humankind, following the ideals of the foreign policy of independence, peace and friendship.

Thank you.