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**Statement by the H.E. Mr. Kairat SARYBAY,
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**Madame President,
Director General,
Excellencies,
Dear ladies and gentlemen,**

At the outset, I would like to congratulate H.E. Ms. Christine STIX-HACKL on her election as the President of the 16th General Conference. My delegation assures you of its full support for successful holding of the conference and wishes all success in fulfillment of your duties.

I also wish to thank the outgoing Presidency of Peru as the 15th General Conference has given us the historic Lima Declaration on Inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Madame President,

We note tangible progress in promotion of principles of the

«inclusive and sustainable industrial development».

As an active member of Friends of ISID Kazakhstan has been supporting promotion of the concept at the post-2015 agenda discussions in New-York. Inclusion of goal 9 on *promotion of sustainable industrialization* into Sustainable Development Goals is an important milestone for streamlining ISID principles worldwide, making industrialization topical on global agenda. In this regard, devoting ISID Forum to the theme “Partnerships: Moving Sustainable Development Goal 9 into action” is timely and will contribute to raising awareness of UNIDO's new mandate and partnership approach.

We have carefully reviewed the Annual Report of 2014 and note increase of project approvals in the area of technical cooperation from \$187 mln. in 2013 to \$191 mln. in 2014. Despite withdrawal of some states from the membership of UNIDO and associated decrease of regular budget for the next biennium the way, UNIDO should be commended for its active leadership in pursuing ISID principles.

Having reviewed the report of the Director General on the implementation of the Lima Declaration (“Towards inclusive and

sustainable industrial development”), we note the progress towards achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development and look forward to seeing outcomes of pilot Country Partnership Programmes.

Madame President,

A positive dynamics of cooperation between Kazakhstan and UNIDO has been observed during the last several years as Kazakhstan started participation in several regional projects of UNIDO, in areas such as industrial statistics, industrial integration and mitigation of negative impact of industry on the environment.

Meanwhile, Kazakhstan plans to implement selected national projects with UNIDO in order to explore the full potential of cooperation. In May 2014 Director General Mr. Li Yong has paid a visit to Kazakhstan, during which the Joint Declaration of Cooperation between the Government of Kazakhstan and UNIDO has been signed to establish priority areas of our cooperation. As envisaged in the Joint Declaration of Cooperation the both sides will work towards adoption of the UNIDO Country Programme Framework for Kazakhstan, which

is to be implemented on self-financing bases. In this connection, UNIDO and Kazakhstan will sign tomorrow (has signed this morning) the Administrative Arrangement agreement to channel voluntary contributions to UNIDO for national, as well as international projects.

Madame President,

Kazakhstan has endorsed the ISID approach and has been supporting it from the very beginning. Hence, let me briefly inform you on Kazakhstan's initiatives, contributing to promotion of ISID and partnerships.

1) in order to mitigate implications of global financial crisis, in 2014 we have adopted a New Economic Policy, aimed at development of transport, industrial and energy infrastructure. For that purpose, 9 billion US dollars will be allocated from the National Fund from 2015 to 2017. These investments will be carried out with the World Bank, ADB, EBRD and IDB, which have committed allocation of another 9 billion US dollars for 90 priority projects. This will result in sustainable economic growth in the medium term.

2) despite current economic turbulences, we are working on establishment of our own official development assistance agency – KazAid. One of its top priorities will be the implementation of projects in Afghanistan and Central Asia.

3) the Islamic Organization for Food Security will be created in coming years in Astana in order to increase coordination between Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member-countries in agriculture and food security. 23 OIC countries has already acceded to the Charter of the new organization, which will start working when at least 10 countries will ratify its Charter.

4) Given, that partnerships are indispensable elements of ISID and are critical for success of industrialization, Kazakhstan has launched the “Green Bridge” Partnership Programme, which was developed together with the UN and was welcomed in the Rio+20 outcome document. The goal of the Green Bridge is to foster green economic growth in broader Central Asian region, including Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Mongolia and then further to the globe where

appropriate - Africa, Asia and etc.

5) Realizing the importance of sustainable energy as a driver of industrial development and critical element of ISID, Kazakhstan will host the EXPO-2017 “Future Energy” in 2017 in Astana. The EXPO-2017 is fully aligned with the UN’s Sustainable Energy for All Initiative and will provide a platform for showcasing and sharing innovations, while facilitating energy solutions for LDCs.

By the way, using this opportunity I would like to invite all delegates to visit the exhibition on EXPO-2017 in Rotunda and the side-event on innovation hubs, which will also talk about EXPO-2017 and will take place on 1 December from 18:00 to 19:30 hrs.

6) Last, but not least Kazakhstan is currently running for non-permanent seat of the UN Security Council for 2017-2018. Our campaign's priorities, among others include: food, water and energy security. And if elected with your support, Kazakhstan will work towards promotion of energy, food and water issues.

Madame President,

Based on our experience of industrial policy and taking into account lessons learned from the first industrialization programme for 2010-2014 and start of the second industrialization programme for 2015-2019, Kazakhstan's message to fellow developing countries is that pursuing industrial policies should be a priority on the post 2015 development agenda. As the recent global financial and economic crisis showed, only the countries with strong industrial and manufacturing base were able to maintain growth throughout the crisis. It should be noted that the UN General Assembly in 2014 has adopted the resolution 69/235 "On industrial cooperation development" and reaffirmed the unique mandate of UNIDO in supporting Member States in achieving ISID. Therefore, in the global industrialization agenda UNIDO has to play a major role as it has an overarching mandate to promote ISID.

Thank you for your attention!

