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Statement by the delegation of Poland

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

Mr. Director General,

Excellencies, Distinguished guests,

Poland associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Luxembourg on behalf of the European Union.

I wish to take this opportunity to highlight a few points which are of particular importance to my country.

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

I would like to begin by congratulating you on your election as the President/Vice-President of the 16th session of the General Conference, along with other bureau members.

I am confident that under your able leadership, we will reach a successful conclusion of this session. Let me assure you and the other members of the Bureau of Poland's full cooperation.

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

Polish government has put industrial development as a high priority on its agenda. Among all the EU Member States, Poland has one of the largest share of GDP coming from industry. Poland also intensively advocates for strengthening the cohesion between EU common commercial policy and other industrial and development policies. Our experience thought us, that capacity to manufacture is the key to job creation and poverty reduction.

In this context, we see clearly the relevance of UNIDO – the only UN agency entrusted with a mission to promote industrial development worldwide.

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

Two years have passed since the adoption of the Lima Declaration “*Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development*”. We note with satisfaction efforts undertaken so far by DG LI Yong to implement the new mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). Furthermore, we appreciate DG Li’s efforts to promote a global understanding and appreciation of the importance of ISID for economic growth and development.

The adoption of *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* is a significant milestone in global and national development efforts. In this context, we would like to congratulate UNIDO for its success in reflecting the mandate of the Organization in the final list of Sustainable Development Goals.

Reflection of UNIDO mandate in the 2030 development agenda is an important step for UNIDO. It is an opportunity, but at the same time it is a challenge. In order to be able to take the full advantage that comes from the opportunity of having a goal dedicated to industrial development, UNIDO needs to present an active and dynamic approach by preparing an appropriate strategy to support the achievement of Goal 9.

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

Poland perceives UNIDO as a suitable partner for the implementation of our development cooperation commitments. I am glad to note, that there have been numerous positive developments in the cooperation between Poland and the Organization over last years. Allow me to touch upon our joint last achievements:

Working together towards the aim of promoting clean energy, Poland supported a UNIDO Technical Cooperation project aiming to enhance local manufacturing capacity of solar thermal energy systems in Moldova. This project aims to establish the national and regional market, create jobs and trigger innovation in the national economy.

Poland is also a long term supporter of Vienna Energy Forum. Also this year’s edition of VEF enjoyed our financial support. Moreover, this conference was attended by numerous representatives of Polish public administration and private sector.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank UNIDO for inviting Polish private sector representatives to the LDCs Ministerial Conference. 15 Polish companies took active part in this conference last week, participating in

plenary sessions and meeting delegates of LDCs on the corridors and during dedicated side events.

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

Growing interest of Polish private sector in cooperation with UNIDO shows that this Organization has a potential to play an important role of a platform for dialogue between business partners from different countries and regions. It is our conviction, that integrating private sector into UNIDO activities and events fosters significantly mutually beneficial economic cooperation between countries and contributes directly to the achievement of the ISID. We further encourage UNIDO to develop its cooperation with the private sector.

Madame President / Mr. Vice President

I would like to conclude by reaffirming Poland's ongoing commitment to UNIDO and our interest in the continued dialogue with the Organization.

Thank you for your attention