

**Statement by the Permanent Representative  
of the Republic of Korea  
Ambassador SONG Young-wan  
at the 16th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO**

Mr. President,  
Director General of UNIDO,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Members,  
Ladies and Gentleman,

1. I would like to first congratulate Your Excellency, on your election as President of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNIDO. I take this opportunity to also express my appreciation to Director General Li Yong and the Secretariat, who have been devoted to aligning UNIDO's priorities to be better integrated into the global development community.

2. At the outset, I must highlight UNIDO's continuous efforts to promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID). Its notable endeavors have certainly contributed to the Sustainable industrialization for shared prosperity since the Lima declaration. This will ensure that the Organization remains well-situated to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted in September 2015.

Mr. President,

3. My delegation reaffirms its confidence in UNIDO's mandate of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development. As a privileged partner, we are dedicated in our common efforts towards achieving the ambitious 2030 agenda. More specifically, the inclusion of Goal 9 that seeks to "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation", has made UNIDO a distinguished UN agency among others.

4. Along with recognizing the importance of industrialization for development, we appreciate the UNIDO's special efforts to implement the Programs for Country Partnership and see to its expansion. We hope that the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> ISID forum will produce fruitful outcomes with ideas to translate the goals into concrete actions.

Mr. President,

5. Korea is committed to contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals by sharing our development experiences. We recognize the global demand for rural development models and policies and are eager to share the know-how from our successful track record. As such, Korea together with various international organizations proposed a new model of rural development based on Korea's *Saemaul Undong* in the 1970's and other best practices in sustainable development. This joint initiative adapts *Saemaul Undong* to the current global context, while highlighting the core factors that led to its success in Korea. This initiative thus seeks to contribute to ultimately eradicating poverty in developing countries.

6. Further, Korea is ready to commit to a new Initiative for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) to promote Sustainable and Inclusive growth in developing countries. By increasing accessibility to science and Technology while supporting and providing opportunities for developing countries with start-up businesses, it aims to create a virtuous "chain of growth." It combines activities such as science and technology education, R&D capacity building and business-opportunity creation programs.

7. Moreover, in pursuing the 2030 agenda, Korea will continue to advocate development effectiveness based on the principles of national ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnership, transparency and mutual accountability. In order to address development effectiveness, Korea will play a leading role in supporting the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC). It will also take lead in enhancing the development effectiveness of multilateral organizations as the chair of the Multilateral Organisation Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN) for 2016.

8. As the presiding nation of the UN ECOSOC, which is expected to play a key role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development, Korea is committed to engaging constructively in the follow-up and review process.

Mr. President and Honorable Delegates,

9. The Republic of Korea has been sharing its development experiences with many developing countries and will continue to support and cooperate with the international community. In this sense, Korea is ready to collaborate with UNIDO by sharing its development experiences and know-how that achieved remarkable growth and industrial progress.

10. In this regard, the Korean Government is newly implementing two projects with UNIDO in Vietnam and Myanmar to strengthen the capacity for Industrial Policy Planning and Implementation. I believe that these projects will serve as good examples of Korea-UNIDO's partnership. They will surely reflect how utilizing the industrial development experience of Korea contributes to achieving ISID in developing countries

11. Lastly, I would like to reaffirm that the Republic of Korea will continue to participate in UNIDO's partnership activities and provide support for the Organization's noble efforts towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Once again, Korea looks forward to working together with the global community to achieve the new agenda by sharing its experiences in industrial development with many developing countries as well as UNIDO.

Thank you. /END/