



Republic of Angola

STATEMENT BY HER EXCELLENCY ENGINEER BERNARDA GONÇALVES MARTINS HENRIQUES DA SILVA, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, DELIVERED AT THE 16th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 4, 2015

Mr. Chairman of the 16th Session of the General Conference, H.E....

**Mr. Director-General of UNIDO, H.E. Li Yong,
Excellencies,**

It is a great honour and privilege to address the 16th Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization-UNIDO on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to congratulate you on your election to preside over the 16th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO. You can count on our full support and cooperation and I am sure that under your leadership the Conference will be a success.

I would also like to congratulate the Director-General of UNIDO, **Mr. Li Yong** for the dynamic, skilled, dedicated, transparent and coherent way that he has conducted the Organization's intentions. My congratulations are extended to the Secretariat of UNIDO for the work carried out since the last session of the General Conference.

Mr. Chairman,

We have paid close attention to the speech delivered by the Director General, which we consider very important, and a reference for the work of this Conference.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to express my thanks for the fact that my country has benefited from the technical assistance from UNIDO in the implementation of the project "*impact assessment study of the entrepreneurship program in secondary education*" in Angola the execution of which was begun in 2009 and which was completed in 2013, which has provided added value in the acquisition of knowledge and training of the value chain in the field of economic and social life of the most vulnerable strata of society in this case, young people and women, the hardest hit by unemployment.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of my Government I would like to express our appreciation for the continuous contribution provided by UNIDO, through the Division of Technical Cooperation and Development Programme, in matters of technical assistance in the framework of the preparation of the recent "**Country Programming Framework for an Inclusive and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Angola 2016-2020**" aimed at eradicating poverty and alleviating hunger, the key assumptions recommended by the new "*Lima Declaration*", adopted at the 15th Session of the General Conference of this Organization in December 2013.

Mr. Chairman,

This Conference is held under the premise "*Sustainable Industrialization for shared prosperity*" at a crucial time for the global development agenda, after in September of this year, the UN General Assembly had adopted sustainable

development goals-SDG. Hence, the inclusion of the Goal 9 "*Building Resistant Infrastructure, Promoting Inclusive, Sustainable Industrialization and Innovation*", is going to universalize the mandate of UNIDO on Inclusive, Sustainable Industrial Development - ISID and ensure the Organization's central role in the "*2030 Sustainable Development Agenda*".

Angola considers that the **Programme for Country Partnerships-PCP** is one of the most important initiatives which enable Members States to present, extend and improve their capacities for sustainable, inclusive development in the framework of Objective 9 of the "*sustainable development goals-SDG*", included in the "*pos-2015 Development Agenda*".

Angola also welcomes the activities undertaken by UNIDO in the development projects of the PCP for Member States in particular for African countries, as has been happening in **Ethiopia** and **Senegal** because they address current challenges, including the need to strengthen cooperation and coordination, and present an effective and efficient partnership model for the implementation of *Goal 9 of Sustainable Development*. Therefore, we encourage the Organization to extend these projects to other Member States that need them. We believe, however, it is important that UNIDO establishes partnerships with the private sector to find potential investors who want to invest in Africa, especially in the transformation of their natural resources by transferring technology, creating jobs and an implicitly reducing poverty.

Angola has enormous resources that need investment for their transformation, especially in the area of agro- business and established a legal framework facilitating private investment.

In this regard, we appeal to potential stakeholders to join the efforts of the Government in the economic diversification of the country by way of private investment.

Mr. Chairman,

My Government considers the Plan of Action of the Director-General on the **Policy of Field and Networking of UNIDO** a basic document for the restructuring of UNIDO with a view to adapting the Organization to a structure that corresponds to the current moment of scarcity of funds, caused by the withdrawal of some Member States.

However, this restructuring should not undermine the efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization in achieving the objectives for which it was created.

Mr. Chairman,

We believe that the role of UNIDO in the industrialization process is going to make it possible for rapid growth in Africa, which over the last decade has not been translated into socioeconomic transformation of the continent. It is necessary to reduce the irreversible poverty. The majority of recent African development plans (for example, the **Common African Position, the agenda post-2063, the Indicative Strategic Plan for Regional Development of SADC, the Strategy and Roadmap of SADC Industrialization, the medium-term Strategic Plan of COMESA**) stress the need to intensify the process of industrialization in Africa. To effectively implement the models for the industrialization of Africa a pos-2015 Agenda, new partnerships and implementation models are necessary.

Thank you very much.