

**Statement by Poland**  
**On the occasion of the 44<sup>th</sup> session of**  
**Industrial Development Board of UNIDO**  
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**Madame President,**

I would like to join previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as the President of the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Industrial Development Board, along with your bureau members. Let me assure you of Poland's full support and cooperation.

Poland associates itself fully with the statement delivered by Slovakia on behalf of the EU. I would like to add some additional remarks from a national perspective.

**Madame President,**

This session of the IDB is very special, as it coincides with the celebrations of the 50th anniversary of UNIDO. Let me take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to UNIDO on this occasion.

Poland highly values its long standing and strong partnership with UNIDO. We consider UNIDO's mandate to be clear and relevant both in the context of the global development agenda and Poland's development cooperation strategy.

Over 2016 Poland continued its engagement in a number of UNIDO TC projects in the areas of food security, job creation and renewable energy. Furthermore, we developed numerous meaningful initiatives with UNIDO, also in the areas of research, statistics and policy. I would like to take this opportunity to enumerate a couple of examples:

Back in January this year, UNIDO launched the latest edition of Industrial Development Report in Warsaw and later on in May contributed with an important voice on the future of industry in Europe during the European Economic Congress held in Katowice.

Another highlight of Poland's cooperation with UNIDO was a one week high-level training for Middle-Income-Countries on the trends and policy options in manufacturing organised last month in Poland. As hosts, we were happy to provide the participants of the training, including ministers and deputy ministers of industry, economy and trade, an opportunity to showcase Polish experiences and solutions in the areas of entrepreneurship promotion and support for innovation during a study trip to Special Economic Zone, Technology Park and Regional Science and Technology Centre.

A good example of a fruitful and mutually beneficial cooperation is the involvement of Poland in the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit (GMIS) co-organized by UNIDO and the United Arab Emirates. Back in October, we held in Warsaw a GMIS roadshow event which included a factual and constructive debate on the threats and opportunities

related to the recent developments in manufacturing sectors in both developing and developed countries. The conference was combined with a Poland-United Arab Emirates economic Forum. It was attended by numerous Polish companies interested to participate in this global debate and associated opportunities to expand networking opportunities.

**Madame President,**

Let me share with you some brief considerations regarding the current session of the IDB. We thank the Secretariat for the documentation prepared for this meeting of the Board and we welcome the follow-up actions undertaken by the Director General in line with conclusions of the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Programme and Budget Committee. In this context, we commend UNIDO for the Report on the establishment of the Audit Advisory Committee and take note of the report on the General Risk Management strategy.

We see the latter document as the 1st important step to properly identify, assess and address the risks facing the Organisation. While we understand that the implementation of the strategy needs time, we underline that the ability to properly recognize, assess, control and communicate the risks remains crucial to the organization's ability to anticipate and respond to opportunities and threats and reinforces accountable and transparent management. Along these lines, we are looking forward to periodical reports from the Secretariat on the development and the implementation of the Strategy.

Finally we are looking forward to the discussion on the establishment of an effective and functionally and operationally independent Office of Internal Oversight, in line with the recommendations of the External Auditor and conclusion nr 2016/3 of the 32nd session of the PBC.

**Madame President,**

Poland highly values exchange of information between the Secretariat and the Member States both on the operational and management related issues. In this context we are looking forward to be taking an active part in the regular exchange of views with the Organization: both via the policymaking organs and the enhanced dialogue with Member States on topical issues, as expressed by the conclusion 2016/6 of the 32nd session of the PBC.

**Madame President,**

In closing, reiterating its commitment to the goal of sustainable industrial development, Poland is looking forward to continue an intensive and effective cooperation with UNIDO.

Thank you Madame President.