

Statement by Ms. Renu Pall, Ambassador & PR of India to International
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Madam President,

At the outset, I would like to join other delegations in felicitating you on your Presidentship of this session of the Industrial Development Board. I am confident that you will lead the discussions in the present session to a meaningful conclusion. I also thank the Director General for his introductory statement.

2. We also associate ourselves with the statement made by G77 and China.

Madam President,

3. As a founder member, India has enjoyed a close association with UNIDO and has contributed resources - financial, managerial, and technical - and supported a large and diverse arena for UNIDO's developmental interventions over decades. Over 400 UNIDO projects have been implemented in India since 1966. Besides the annual contribution of over 0.84 Million Euros, India also provides USD 1.2 million as annual voluntary contribution to the Industrial Development Fund (IDF) of UNIDO which funds the various activities of UNIDO projects in India as also activities in third countries under the South-South cooperation. Besides this, sizable funds are provided by other international organizations like GEF for executing projects.

4. India has also contributed managerial and technical resources to the activities of the UNIDO since its inception and has also actively cooperated with the UNIDO in projects in many developing countries.

5. UNIDO's International Centre for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, fully funded by the Government of India, is a new framework set up in 2014 under the rubric of the Lima Declaration, in order to increase industrial competitiveness, technology upgradation and innovation, generation of decent jobs and ensure sustainable environment and energy access. Under this framework, various projects are under. We, however, feel that the Centre requires vigorous monitoring at HQs. We believe that member states must approach this Center for exploring options of collaborations and joint projects wherein mutual partnerships can be tailored for mutual benefits. We would also

like to see the Regional Office in New Delhi strengthen UNIDO's effectiveness and collaboration linkages in the region.

6. India believes that Industrial Development is essential for improving the lives of people to give them equal opportunities and a life that they can live with dignity. Given the importance of industrialization, an Industrial Policy Discussion Paper was released by India in 2017 and the New Industrial Policy is under consideration with the Government of India. India has launched Make in India and Start-up India initiatives to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development and build the best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure, mirroring the SDG 9 of 2030 Agenda. We will be happy to share our experience and expertise in the field of industrialization with UNIDO and with any interested Member States.

Madam President,

7. With reference to the Annual Report 2017 of UNIDO, India appreciates the overall performance achieved by UNIDO including technical cooperation delivery, which touched an all-time record of \$205.5 million during 2017 within the available resources.

8. India compliments the efforts of UNIDO in focusing on sustainable industrialization while implementing their projects to harness modern technologies for pursuing enhanced economic growth. But there is potential for more efficient resource utilizations and environmentally sound projects. We note that UNIDO is aligning its projects with the SDGs and 2030 Agenda for Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. We take note that UNIDO won the Ozone Award 2017 for its extraordinary work on implementing projects to phase out methyl bromide.

9. We also note efforts towards forging new Programmes for Country Partnerships (PCP) by expanding the piloting phase of the PCP to Cambodia in The Asia Pacific region, and Kyrgyzstan in Europe and Central Asia. In this regard, India will be ready to join UNIDO in executing projects and in sharing our experience and expertise in these PCP countries. We believe that the tried and time-tested model of project delivery in the South-South, and triangular cooperation frameworks, should be further enhanced.

10. Our leadership is committed to the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. India has set a target of generating 175 Giga Watts of solar and wind energy by 2022. India has undertaken Mission mode action to provide electricity to every household and cleaner sources of cooking fuel to poor households. Over three hundred million LED bulbs have been installed across India. We hope to reduce the emission intensity of our GDP by 25 percent over

2005 levels by 2020, and are also committed to further reduce it by 33 to 35 percent over 2005 levels by 2030 as part of our Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Today, India is the sixth largest producer of renewable energy, and the fifth largest producer of solar energy in the world. The International Solar Alliance, which was launched together by India and France, has brought us closer to providing cheap and affordable energy to all. The inaugural Summit of the International Solar Alliance was hosted by India earlier this year to impart necessary momentum to the process.

Madam President,

11. We note, with concern, the depletion in the assessed contributions base of UNIDO. India urges all Member States to make timely payments of their assessed contribution. This is essential for the sound financial health of the Organization and this will help to ensure the smooth continuation of UNIDO's activities. We take note of the reforms introduced by the Director General on organizational restructuring of field offices and budgetary reform to achieve financial savings. More can and should be done in consultation with Member States. Increasing voluntary funding and increasing the quantum of technical cooperation will not replace the diminishing regular budget of the Organization. Continuing departures from the Organization are a matter of deep concern and measures need to be taken to address this urgently. It is important that we work collectively towards retaining the relevance of this UNIDO.

Thank you, Madam President,