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Mr. President,

Allow me to congratulate you on your election. I am fully confident that under your able leadership, our meeting and deliberation will bear fruitful results. Likewise, I should like to congratulate the members of your bureau on their appointment. Indonesia stands ready to work closely with you and your team.

My delegation wishes to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to Ambassador Jerry Ugokwe of Nigeria, for his skilled leadership and hard work as President of the 36th session of the IDB. His able stewardship ensured that the last session of the IDB remained relevant, contributing to finding global solutions to the challenges we faced.

On this important occasion, on behalf of my delegation, I also would like to

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welcome Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, and congratulate him for his re-election as the Director General of UNIDO. We also thank the Secretariat for the preparations they have made for this session of the IDB.

With regard to this session's agenda items, Indonesia would like to associate itself with the statement made by the Group of 77 and China and the Asian Group.

Mr. President,

This session of the IDB is a crucial one as we undertake to discuss the programmes and activities of the Organization for the coming period, as well as to seek ways to provide sufficient resources for their implementation. The Indonesian delegation expresses its high appreciation for the preparation of the UNIDO Annual Report 2009, which provides a good basis for our deliberations and our work at this session.

The Annual Report 2009 rightly highlights the various challenges that need to be addressed collectively and effectively by the international community. There are the impacts of the multiple crises of finance, food, energy and climate change. There is a huge and critical demand for quick responses to the challenges we are facing. Among these challenges is the need to create growth for prosperity on the one side and to ensure peace and sustainability on the other.

We have acknowledged some proactive approaches taken by UNIDO in tackling these challenges, under its three thematic priorities, namely poverty reduction through productive activities, trade capacity building and energy and environment. We have seen encouraging developments in various areas,

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which enables UNIDO to design and implement more projects and programmes, contributing to the global developments objectives. These positive measures are imperative and should be carried on continuously.

In this regard, Indonesia will continue to support UNIDO's initiative to establish a new Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal in order to strengthen the Organization's strategic response capacity and quality of service to its member countries. My delegation also expresses its gratitude to the States that have contributed to the regular budget of UNIDO in full and on time. For its part, Indonesia has been supportive of the UNIDO activities, and has consistently paid its annual contribution to the regular budget, and will continue to do so in the future.

Mr. President,

Indonesia has observed that UNIDO's work and program in the promotion of sustainable industrial development and international industrial cooperation, in particular in the developing countries, have gained it currency in the face of global financial and economic crisis. In this respect, UNIDO's vital role in providing technical assistance to developing countries cannot be overstated.

My delegation would like to express its appreciation on the continued growth in UNIDO technical cooperation delivery, and are pleased to note that the significant increase on the figure of actual volume of project services delivered in 2009 compared to the previous year. This positive trend is part of the various sources of funding received from the governments through various channels. In this connection, we would like to thank donors for continuously supporting the technical cooperation project and programme.

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We encourage UNIDO to find ways and means to solve major challenge faced on the ability of UNIDO to provide or mobilize the cost-sharing required by its various donors and programmes.

While expressing my delegation's gratitude for the positive contribution that UNIDO has made to promote the advancement of the industrial sector in the developing countries, Indonesia is of the view that UNIDO should strengthen its comprehensive work on its three thematic priorities. In that context, UNIDO should help developing countries sharpen their research and development priorities which are oriented towards private sector and society demand; in enhancing science and technology capacity and capability by strengthening science and technology institutions, resources and networks at the national level; and in creating an innovative climate in terms of providing the right incentive schemes to foster and strengthen the industrial structure.

As one of the beneficiaries of UNIDO's technical assistance program, Indonesia recognises the contribution, especially its help in bringing about promising growth for small and medium scale industries in post-conflict regions such as Maluku and post-tsunami areas such as Nangroe Aceh Darussalam.

Mr. President,

Indonesia considers of paramount importance the South-South cooperation which could be used as a medium for the exchange of resources, technology, and knowledge between developing countries. In this regard, Indonesia supports the establishment of South-South Industrial Cooperation Centre in Indonesia that will focus on industrial development priorities, especially agro

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industry. In addition, under the South-South Cooperation framework, and as part of the implementation of the MOU signed in 2007, Indonesia will organize a capacity building program on Green Industry targeted for developing countries, with the topic on Zero-waste Supply-Chain Management for Tropical Crops.

To conclude, Mr. President, I would like to reiterate Indonesia's commitment to work closely with UNIDO and its member states to promote and accelerate sustainable industrial development, particularly in developing countries. Let me assure you of Indonesia's full support and constructive engagement for the duration of this session.

Thank you.

Indonesia's Intervention on Agenda Item 5.
Millennium Development Goals: UNIDO's contributions

Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Mr. President,

The Indonesian delegation recognizes that the world today has taken unprecedented efforts in response to the vast array of interlinked development challenges it now faces. The achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is one of the key aspects that need to be realized to overcome those challenges, as this would enable millions of people to escape the burdens of impoverishment, and reduce inequality and underdevelopment, thereby enhancing world productivity and prosperity.

In this regard, Indonesia is of the view that the productive sector has a crucial role to play in supporting the achievement of the MDGs and that UNIDO makes an important contribution to this process. In connection with Millennium Development Goal #7 to ensure environmental stability, my delegation would like to stress that as a developing country with the fourth-largest population, Indonesia is intensely aware of the challenges consumption and population growth pose, both to the goal of ensuring environmental sustainability and to our national goal of sustainable development. We are happy to report that the story of efforts to meet this goal in Indonesia is also a success story about the work of UNIDO in Indonesia. Indonesia has benefited from UNIDO's emphasis on small-scale hydropower (SSH). There is, for example, an operational small hydropower plant on Nias Island, helping, in an environmentally sustainable way, to revitalize a region that was severely affected by the earthquake and tsunami at the end of 2004.

Mr. President,

This year marks a decade of efforts worldwide to meet the MDGs. Much progress has been reported worldwide. Yet, without the sustained and united efforts of the international community, many developing countries risk missing the 2015 deadline. Therefore, my delegation would like to request the Organization to further its activities to help the developing countries in achieving the MDGs.

Thank you.

Indonesia's Intervention on Agenda Item 13.

Date and Place of the fourteenth session of the General Conference

Tuesday, 11 May 2010

Mr. President,

As you may recall that at the last General Conference in 2009, Indonesia expressed its interest in hosting the 14th session of the General Conference. Regretfully however, after careful consideration and due to certain circumstances, my delegation would like to inform that Indonesia is unable to host the next General Conference. Indonesia, however, would be very pleased to host it in the future.

At the same time, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to express Indonesia's profound gratitude and appreciation for the support extended when Indonesia last year proposed hosting the next GC.

Indonesia continues to reaffirms its commitment to support the work of the Director General and UNIDO in strengthening and promoting equitable and sustainable industrial development, and to carry out activities based on a well-built framework of cooperation with UNIDO and other member states.

Thank you.