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Thank you Mr. President,

Allow me to take this opportunity to join other delegates in congratulating you on your election as the President of the IDB. It is our sincere conviction that, under your able leadership, this meeting will come to a successful conclusion. You can rest assured of my delegations full support in fulfilling your mandate.

Turkey has associated itself with the EU statement on this agenda item. I would, however, like to bring to your kind attention some additional points of particular interest to Turkey.

At the outset, I would like to thank Director General Yumkella for the comprehensive overview of UNIDO activities he has eloquently presented. With him at the helm, the Organization has made a significant leap towards achieving its target of “inclusive, equitable and sustainable industrial development”. We are confident that, with his dynamism, he will continue to steer the Organization towards higher achievements during his second term of office.

¹ Annual report of the Director-General for 2009 on the activities of the Organization

Mr. President,

The world is yet to recover from the economic and financial crisis which curtailed global demand for goods, global growth, trade financing, as well as job opportunities, all of which posed serious economic and social problems for many countries, in particular the developing ones. Apart from recent global economic downturn, chronic problems such as climate change, unequal globalisation, high population growth, persist. We appreciate that in 2009, UNIDO, within its mandate, responded these multiple crises effectively, mainly through promoting the green economy initiative, as a resource efficient and environment friendly method of production, and its activities related to poverty reduction and capacity development.

Change management initiative should also be seen as an integral part of UNIDO's approach in tackling these challenges. Turkey supports this initiative which aims at increasing efficiency of the Organization on sustainable basis, through enhancing its administrative and technical infrastructure. We believe that developing a strong sense of ownership of the process by the whole staff is crucial. We are pleased to note that the Secretariat also pays special attention to this issue. As a practical suggestion in this context, it would be useful if, during the course of the implementation of the initiative, regular exchange of views with the operational staff could be held on monthly basis. This would also make it easier to find out whether daily problems or hindrances that the staff faces are accurately addressed.

Mr. President,

We are pleased to note that the amount of available funds for future implementation reached 355 million USD. While this fact demonstrates the confidence in the Organization and the hardwork of UNIDO staff, it also

represents a challenge for the Organisation to further increase the technical cooperation activities in order to utilize this amount. We believe, with the effective implementation of the Change Management Initiative this challenge could also be overcome.

Mr. President,

Turkey is emerging as a hub for the UNIDO activities in its neighbourhood and beyond. In this context many regional workshops were held in Turkey in cooperation with UNIDO in recent years, with a view to transferring Turkish expertise on various fields to our cooperation partners. As part of these activities, in November 2009, two international workshops, on cleaner leather production technologies and on food processing were held in Bursa and Gebze respectively for participants from regional countries as well as from Asia and Africa.

As for the upcoming activities in Turkey; between 21st June- 4th July 2010, an international workshop in the field of nanotechnology will be held at the Institute of Materials Science and Nanotechnology (UNAM) in Ankara. Moreover, in Autumn 2010, a regional workshop on "Energy Management Standards" will be organized in Istanbul. Also a technology foresight training will be held in the course of 2010, on the future of the automotive industry in post-carbon economy.

We hope these events will contribute to the development and revitalization of relevant industrial capacities in the participating countries. Turkey, in collaboration with UNIDO, will continue to assist its cooperation partners on areas where it has accumulation of expertise.

Turkey, being one of the donors of UNIDO's "Africa Investment Promotion Regional Programme", has been actively supporting poverty

reduction and capacity building programmes of UNIDO in Africa. We hope to give a boost to our cooperation with UNIDO in Africa and other regions through implementing TIKA-UNIDO Cooperation Agreement.

Mr. President,

Taking this opportunity I would like to bring, through you, to the attention of the delegates that the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDC IV) will be held in 2011 in Istanbul/Turkey. The distinguished delegates might recall that the LDCs Ministerial Conference that was held in Vienna in December 2009, just before the 13th UNIDO General Conference, has been one of the significant preparatory events in the run-up to the LDC IV.

The LDC IV and its preparatory process aims at performing a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the decade 2001-2010 and in light of the outcome of this appraisal, new and more effective international and domestic policies would be identified with a view to strengthening the LDCs resilience to external shocks and lay the foundation for sustainable development in the years ahead.

Having been broadly engaged in the preparatory process of the Conference, the main objective of Turkey is to assist Conference to create “deliverables” for the LDCs in a number of areas of crucial importance to their development, including, supporting LDCs’ productive capacity development, expanding South-South cooperation, building capacity of LDCs to deal with climate change, facilitating technology transfer and strengthening LDCs’ capacity to innovate and adapt technologies, including green technologies.

Having in mind UNIDO’s remarkable record of activities particularly on fostering productive capacity building in the LDCs, in line with the

implementation of the Programme of Action for the LDCs for the decade 2001-2010, we believe that it will also significantly contribute to make this major event a success and a milestone for the LDCs in their endeavour to achieve a more sustainable and higher growth path.

Thank you, Mr. President.