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Report of the Director General

Statement by the Austrian Delegation

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Mr. President,

While fully aligning myself with the statement of the European Union I would like to offer some additional comments.

First of all, allow me to thank the Director General for his informative report on UNIDO activities in the field of energy and environment. We fully support his efforts to further coordination and cooperation with the international development system.

As early as in 2001, at the occasion of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development, the international community acknowledged that the current energy system is not sustainable. Austria strongly supports UNIDO's efforts to make the global energy system more sustainable, in particular to realize universal access to energy for the 2 to 3 billion people who would be without modern energy by current trends by 2030, and to reduce energy intensity by 40 per cent, also by 2030. The pursuit of these goals through a global campaign in support of "Energy for Sustainable Development" will create wealth for the world's growing population and reduce the strain on its resources and the global climate system.

In this context, I would like to point out that the Austrian Government is committed to reconvening the Vienna Energy Conference, together with UNIDO and IIASA, every other year. The first Vienna Energy Conference in June 2009 was an important contribution towards sharing a global understanding of "Energy for Sustainable Development". The second Vienna Energy Conference, to take place in mid-June 2011, will bring together heads of state, policy-makers, experts, civil society and the

private sector to discuss how to best provide universal access to modern energy services and increase energy efficiency by reducing energy intensity by 40% until 2030 with a view to propose an international architecture to reach these goals.

Mr. President,

Austria would like to encourage UNIDO to continue its efforts to develop and support knowledge and capacity-building sharing platforms that can facilitate the short- and medium-term transfer of clean energy technologies, industrial best practices and shifting to more sustainable patterns of energy production and consumption. In this regard, the Austrian Government is proud to jointly support with UNIDO, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Government of Spain the *Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Centre* in Cape Verde, which was launched in July this year.

Mr. President,

Intricately linked with the issue of renewable energy and energy efficiency is the question of cleaner production. Therefore, the Austrian Government – which has a long-standing tradition in supporting UNIDO's National Cleaner Production Centres (NCPCs) - encourages the organisation to continue its support to the NCPCs and to strengthen the joint programme with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) related to resource efficient and cleaner production. In that context, we welcome the creation of a global network for resource efficient and cleaner production (RECP) that will be supported by UNIDO and UNEP under their joint programme. We are convinced that the

global RECP network is an important contribution to capture and disseminate best practices for resource efficiency and cleaner production. Therefore, the Austrian Government supports UNIDO's relevant projects and programmes in Mozambique, in transition economies and in the ASEAN region in 2010.

Thank you for your attention.