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**STATEMENT
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THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF UNIDO**

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In the Name of God

Mr. President,

I am pleased to see you again to preside over a session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO. I have confidence that under your able leadership this session will have successful conclusion.

I would like to express deep condolences of my delegation to the government and people of Indonesia for the losses caused by the recent natural disasters.

My delegation listened with interest to the statement of Mr. Yumkella, Director General of UNIDO and would like to express its appreciation for his continued dedication to the Organization. I also thank the Secretariat for timely preparing the documents of this meeting.

Mr. President,

Associating fully with the statements of the Asian Group as well as Group77 and China, I limit our statement to item 2(b) and item2(c) of the agenda.

Mr. President,

My delegation is satisfied that the implementation of the biennial regular budget commenced as planned and UNIDO has enjoyed a stable and high collection rate of assessed contributions in recent biennium. My delegation noted that Director General informed us today that the number of Member States which have been suspended their voting rights in sessions of the General Conference has decreased from 44 in June 2010 to 41 in October this year.

In order to support UNIDO's Activities and make more stable its financial situation, my delegation is of the view that all Member States should try to pay their assessed contribution without any delay.

My delegation encourages the Secretariat to intensify its efforts to realize full payment of the outstanding amounts and believes that entering into payment plan arrangements by the Members States in arrears is a good initiative in order to steadily reduce their outstanding contributions to the Organization.

Mr. President,

My delegation takes note of the documents IDB.38/9, IDB.38/9/Add.1, IDB.38/9/Add.2 as well as the presentation made by the Secretariat on 17 November on Programme for Change and

Organizational Renewal (PCOR) for the UNIDO. We have supported this initiative from its inception and hope that as the UNIDO management has stated, applying the program will be led, inter alia, to implement a fast-growing portfolio of projects within the prevailing constraints of regular budget; to increase country coverage and improve the quality of project implementation; to better comply with strict donor requirements; to contribute effectively to the ongoing process of harmonization of business practices as part of the United Nations system-wide coherence agenda, and thus to enable the Organization to achieve Growth with Quality and Deliver as One UNIDO.

While noting the estimated cost as well as the suggested solution for meeting the funding shortfall in the last document for implementation of the programme, my delegation still is concerned that additional payment may be imposed on the Member States, in particular, those who contributed to this programme through their shares from the previous unutilized balances of appropriations. Thus it is requested the Secretariat to reduce the need to seek more funds from the Member States for this program. UNIDO has to benefit lessons from implementation of EPR in other Organizations in order to reduce cost and time and start from scratch.

Mr. President,

My delegation shall take into consideration carefully the report and explanation by DG pursuant to last week briefing, with a view to find consensual solution and decision.

Thank you, Mr. President.