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**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR UKUR K.YATANI
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DURING THE 38TH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF UNIDO**

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Mr. President, (Ambassador H. Böck, PR of Austria)

1. I am confident that your team will lead this Session to a successful and fruitful conclusion. I also wish to thank the Director-General for the opening statement and appreciate the continued dedication and efforts in making the Organization efficient and effective.
2. Kenya associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and the Statement of the African Group. I would like to join the previous speakers in expressing heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of Indonesia for the losses caused by the recent natural disasters and assure them of our solidarity.



3. I will restrict my intervention to comment on item ***Agenda Item 9: UNIDO Activities in the Field of Energy and Environment.***

Mr. President,

4. Kenya takes note with appreciation UNIDO's activities in the field of environment and energy as contained in document IDB.38/16. Indeed, Kenya has a long history of productive relations with UNIDO, benefitting from the numerous activities and technical expertise. We are grateful for this partnership with UNIDO, and will continue to work with UNIDO to make a difference in industrialization in Kenya.
5. The Government of Kenya has continued to finance extension of electricity supply in the rural areas as part of the basic infrastructure to stimulate economic growth and employment creation. This is intended to increase electricity access in rural areas to reach the Country target of 12% by the year 2012. In this regard, Kenya welcomes UN-Energy and AGECC proposal to designate the year 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy Access.



Mr. President,

6. Regarding the *Green Industry Initiative*, Kenya urges UNIDO to accelerate implementation of high quality standard initiatives in the field of energy and environment, including those co-funded by GEF, Montreal Protocol, bilateral donors and multi-donor initiatives. This is particularly opportune because as one of the lead agencies in provision of technical assistance in renewable energy and energy efficiency for developing countries, UNIDO is expected to continue playing a key role in transfer of technology in the global campaign to mitigate global warming and adapt to climate change.

Mr. President,

7. Developing countries are not fully enjoying the benefits of accelerated transfer of technology, among others, the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM). Access to modern clean energy supplies relies heavily on appropriate technology whose costs at the moment are too high and, therefore, beyond the reach of most developing countries.



Mr. President,

8. Encouraged by UNIDO's efforts to reinforce and boost South-South cooperation within its technical cooperation programmes as a key priority for the period 2010-2013, Kenya looks forward to the implementation of projects aimed at promoting renewable energy, industrial energy efficiency, technology transfer and energy efficiency and sustainability. Kenya equally welcomes the proposal to work towards ensuring universal access to modern energy services by 2030 and reducing global energy intensity by 40 per cent by 2030, as reflected in the report: "**Energy for a Sustainable Future**".

9. I thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to meaningful and fruitful conclusion from this Session to help us in the industrialization of Kenya and Africa as a whole.

Thank you Mr. President.