

*38<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIDO  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB)*

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: UNIDO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MILLENNIUM  
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

**Mr President,**

**My Delegation is encouraged with the efforts of the Director General and his staff in promoting synergy between UNIDO and other UN agencies to help countries achieve the millennium development goals.**

**The Philippines continues to make considerable strides in meeting the MDG targets. We are on track in reaching the targets on reducing child mortality; malaria and tuberculosis incidence; increasing access to sanitation and safe and potable water; and providing equal education for girls.**

**But despite the gains attained in the last decade, we need to push ourselves more to meet the MDGs, particularly in areas where we lag behind.**

**Our Medium-Term Development Plan for the period 2010 to 2016 reflects our commitment to prioritize the MDGs.**

**The Plan will make sure that economic growth will benefit the poor and the vulnerable through concrete access to quality health, education and employment opportunities. We will strengthen social safety nets, like conditional cash transfers and universal healthcare.**

**Adapting to the global effects of climate change is also important to us. An archipelago with a diverse ecology, the Philippines is highly vulnerable to disasters. Periodic (natural) disasters increase the vulnerability of poor Filipinos, thus derailing our efforts to reduce poverty and achieve the MDGs.**

**We will intensify efforts to integrate climate change adaptation strategies and measures in meeting MDG targets.**

**Mr. President,**

**As developing countries struggle to achieve the MDGs, it is essential that international development partners keep their promise. Four decades ago, privileged nations pledged to share a small portion of their Gross National Income to support the development of less endowed countries. As 2015 draws near, we urge the economically advanced countries to fulfil their commitments.**

**In addition, international organizations such as the UNIDO must continue to support developing countries in building their domestic productive capacities so that growth and trade create the prosperity required to achieve the MDGs. Domestic wealth creation by means of agriculture, agri-business, industry, and trade provides a long-term basis for sustained progress towards the MDGs.**

**Thank you, Mr President.**