

Statement of the Delegation of Ukraine
at the 38th Session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO
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Mr. Chairman,

Taking this opportunity I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, and other members of the Bureau on your election and to wish all delegations gathered today successful deliberations.

On behalf of the Government of Ukraine we would like to positively note the financial performance report for 2008-2009 and the annual report on the activities of the Organization in 2009. We appreciate UNIDO's efforts to improve the management and financial situation of UNIDO as well as to secure the fulfilment of the main priorities of the Organization.

Ukraine welcomes efforts planned and undertaken by UNIDO in implementing ambitious UNIDO's Programme for Change and Organizational Renewal. We note with satisfaction efforts designed to introduce refinements to the organizational structure, in particular those measures which aim at a stronger field presence and at improving team building and leadership capabilities on all levels. It will enable the Organization to strengthen further its capacity to respond effectively to the industrial development needs.

We further welcome the contributions that UNIDO makes to the achievement of the Millenium Development Goals through its three thematic priorities comprising poverty reduction through productive activities, trade and capacity building, energy and environment. We positively view UNIDO commitments to promote gender equality in all its programmes, projects and organizational practices.

We strongly support UNIDO programmes related to the goal of ensuring universal access to modern energy services. We believe that renewable energy technologies (RETs) will play a primarily role in meeting this goal. In this regard, we welcome the idea to implement in Ukraine UNIDO-GEF project aimed at promoting and supporting integrated demonstration of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in industry.

We want to express our support to the UN-Energy and AGECC proposal to designate the year 2012 as the International Year of Sustainable Energy Access.

Mr. Chairman.

The cooperation between Ukraine and UNIDO has increased in volume and is also becoming more diversified.

Further strengthening of cooperation with UNIDO is considered as a matter of utmost importance for our country. We express our appreciation for UNIDO's interest to set up National Cleaner Production Centre (NCPCs) and Technology Foresight Centre in Ukraine. We are considering also the possibility to establish UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Ukraine in order to further intensify our cooperation with UNIDO.

Let me take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Europe and NIS Programme and other units of UNIDO in order to facilitate the cooperation of Ukraine with the Organization and increase project activities in the region.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, let me express on behalf of the delegation of Ukraine our common hope that the current discussion will yield tangible results in the implementation of the tasks entrusted upon this session.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.