

***AFIDE STATEMENT TO UNIDO's 41th IDB, 25 June 2013, 4th Plenary
Item 11***

***Mr. President, Your Excellencies, Director General of UNIDO,
Participants***

***On behalf of AFIDE (Association of Former Industrial Development
Experts) I have the pleasure to deliver the following statement:***

***First of all, AFIDE would like to thank the Director General Dr. K.
Yumkella for his appreciation and recognition of the importance of
UNIDO retirees who accumulated extensive experience and expertise
contributing to UNIDO's development programmes of which some are
are still the major programmes implemented and elaborated during
Dr. Yumkella's tenure. Accordingly, he supported AFIDE, which was
established in 1997 as an NGO under Austrian law, by providing the
needed infrastructure under UNIDO's administrative support by
allocating an office in the VIC. AFIDE, with this opportunity
contributed to the development of beneficiary countries as well as
supported UNIDO's strategies and policies.***

***Mr. President, let me take this opportunity to express AFIDE's satisfaction
for the election of Mr. Li Yong as the next UNIDO Director General. We
believe the member states made the decision to elect Mr. Li Long, in order***

to advance UNIDO further by strengthening its technical capacity which unfortunately has declined due to financial limitations imposed by the departure of some member states. This also impacted on its available flexible technical capacity to develop new programmes and to respond to the specific needs of governments.

AFIDE, with its long years of experience and expertise has been providing technical assistance to member states, would like to present for the consideration of the IDB and the new DG a new programme called an industrial master plan to support sustainable and coordinated development which should include feasibility studies for sectors in order to bring visibility to the needed investments and their returns in order also to create interest in the private sector. Such projects in the past were implemented by UNIDO such as in Malaysia, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, and Cameroon. These Governments are still using these master plans with some adjustments as the basis of their development. The other experience was technical cooperation with China since the 1970s whose programmes and projects were implemented in accordance with China's own master plan. This insured that the projects had inter-linkages with each other and accordingly could contribute to the industrial development of the country. Furthermore, we recognize

there is a growing need for assisting developing countries in formulating industrial strategies and policies in order to manage the process of industrialization in a more coordinated manner.

Therefore, we would suggest for the new management of UNIDO the introduction of an industrial master plan, industrial strategies and policies under its technical cooperation program. Accordingly there is a need to develop and increase diverse capacities such as technical, economical, and environmental for preparation of such plans and policies as it was provided in the past.

,Once more AFIDE congratulates the newly elected

Director General by expressing AFIDE's availability to assist UNIDO with its accumulated expertise of many years by over 70 members in support of UNIDO's mandate for the benefit of developing countries

Thank you, Mr. President.