

BRAZIL

MR PRESIDENT,

My delegation would like to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the 41 Session of the Industrial Development Board, as well as the other members of the bureau for their respective elections. We are confident that, under your leadership, we will certainly reach positive results in this meeting. You may count with our full support and collaboration.

I also want to express the appreciation of my delegation for the work of your predecessor, Ambassador Balazs Csuday, from Hungary, for this guidance during the previous session of the Board and the preparation of the present session.

As this point, my delegation wishes to express a very special acknowledgment for Director General Kandeh Yumkella, for his dynamic, productive and result oriented management of UNIDO. Allow me to wish Mr. Yumkella all the best in his future endeavors. DG Yumkella deserves our highest trust and consideration.

Allow me also to congratulate Mr. Li Yong for his election as the new Director General. We are confident that under his guidance UNIDO will be able to overcome the present challenges it faces and reaffirm its crucial role in the promotion of sustainable industrial development and through it in the eradication of poverty worldwide.

Mr. Li, you can count on our full support in the tasks that lay ahead.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. President, distinguished delegates,

My delegation fully supports the statements presented today by the distinguished representatives of Guatemala, on behalf of GRULAC and Sudan, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

I would like to add some comments from a national perspective.

My delegation would like to acknowledge with appreciation the positive results obtained by Mr. Yumkella during his tenure as Unido's Director General, illustrated by a record in technical cooperation provision in 2012. We are sure he will be successful in his next assignment, to which by the way, UNIDO, as a promoter of energy efficiency and industrialization processes has much to contribute to.

From Brazil's point of view, the number of highly qualified candidates presented for the succession of DG Yumkella is a clear evidence that Member States remain very much committed to the future of UNIDO, and to the contribution this organization has to give to sustainable industrial development.

The Government of Brazil believes that industrial development must be at the core of national development policies. We will not achieve objectives such as poverty eradication or sustainable development results without a strong industrial basis.

UNIDO is the only organization of the United Nations system with a mandate to address comprehensively challenges of industrial

development, without which it would mean little to speak of sustainable development.

We must, therefore, not forget that UNIDO has an essential indispensable contribution to make whenever we discuss industrial development cooperation.

Brazil is committed to keep on contributing to the consolidation of UNIDO and its mandate as illustrated, in particular, through national efforts to implement the Payment Plan in order to regularize our financial contribution to the organization. In this regard, Brazil has already deposited 3 out of the 5 agreed installments.

In support to the activities of UNIDO in Latin America and Caribbean, Brazil has donated its unutilized balances of appropriation to the Latin American and Caribbean Trust Fund. In this context, GRULAC is close to the conclusion of the drafting of terms of reference of the Trust Fund. We look forward to the beginning of the implementation of projects with UNIDO in order to benefit the whole region.

We would like to highlight our appreciation for the contribution of UNIDO to the establishment of the "International Center for Renewable Energy - Biogas", which was announced by the DG last may, during the Vienna Energy Forum. Brazil is open to establish partnerships with countries interested in this renewable energy source, and invites delegations to come visit the Center.

ANNUAL REPORT

Regarding the Annual Report, Brazil notes with satisfaction the important contribution of UNIDO to the success of the Rio+20 conference, through the launch of the “Green Industry Platform”; the hosting, with Japan, of meeting on green technology and the organization of round table entitled “Do we need a green industrial policy?”. We acknowledge the participation of UNIDO, in may 2012, at the International Conference “Industrial Policies in the new century: a dialogue between Latin America and the World” in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Brazilian Development Bank.

Also, in 2012, Brazil became a partner to the Latin American Industrial Knowledge Bank, which is an innovative mechanism of trilateral cooperation to exchange knowledge and expertise in the area of industrial development. We would like to highlight the good results achieved with this initiative up to the present, and the importance that it can count on sufficient resources to maintain its operation.