

**Statement by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Republic of Mozambique, Mr Kenneth Viagem Marizane at the Fifteenth Session of the General Conference of UNIDO in LIMA, 2 December, 2013.**

Your Excellency the Chair Person,  
Your Excellency the Director General of UNIDO  
Distinguished Delegates, Excellencies,  
All protocol observed,

At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to express my special thanks to UNIDO for making possible our participation in this Fifteenth Session of the General Conference of UNIDO and for good arrangements made.

My delegation would like to congratulate the appointment of His Excellency Mr. LI YONG, as a new Director General of UNIDO, and also would like to commend your predecessor; His Excellency Mr. KANDEH YUMKELA for the good manner in which he has conducted the Organization.

We also, would like to associate to previous speakers in congratulating your election to preside over the fifteen General Conference of UNIDO and the way you are guiding our work. Allow us to commend your predecessor Excellence Mrs. Veronica Sion , Minister of Industry and Productivity of for the good manner she conduct the fourteen General Conference.

We also take this opportunity to commend UNIDO by the role played in assisting Developing Countries in their efforts to achieving sustainable economic development and poverty alleviation.

We are confident that this Conference is as a demonstration of engagement and coordinated efforts of the United Nations system to address the special needs of the Least Developed Countries and assist them integrating the world economy.

Mozambique has been benefiting from UNIDO's assistance in different areas of its thematic priorities, especially on trade capacity building, resource efficiency and cleaner production, and productive use of energy.

**Chair Person,  
Excellencies,**

Although globalization has offered unprecedented opportunities, the countries like Mozambique have failed to reap its full benefits in order to reduce poverty, and achieve sustainable development. The economic growth depends on improved supply side capacity as well as on competitiveness from public and private sectors. Improved trade and investment policies, and also better business environment are essential to attracting both domestic and foreign direct investment.

Capacity building, transfer of technology and innovation are enablers of economic growth and development, and those may be achieved if UNIDO can provide the required assistance to overcome our own limitations. Mozambique still faces challenges related lack of skilled labour, obsolete technologies and limitations related to institutional capacity which are having impacts in the main value chains of our national production. As the Country has potentialities on many and important mineral resources, including gas and coal which we are confident can lead to the continuous economic growth.

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In May 2011 a new Programme of Action for the LDC's 2011-2020 was adopted. The programme is a commitment of the UN System and development partners to foster LDCs to change their economic structures to accelerate its development thought diversification of the national production and competitiveness.

We commend UNIDO for the adoption of the Operational Strategy Plan on the implementation of the Istanbul Plan of Action for LDCs (IPoA). We are confident that LDCs will be able to achieve the ambitious goals and objectives contained in the Programme.

**Chair Person,**

## **Excellences,**

With respect to the national perspectives, Mozambique is committed to the implementation of the IPoA in full cooperation with UNIDO and other developing partners, including regional and south-south cooperation initiatives.

The government has been working to create investment and business friendly environment in the country. According to has adopted liberal economic policy measures and put in place new trade and industrial policy and many other sectoral policies. All plans and policies are directed towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) including other development goals. Through the implementation of the country programme document for Mozambique, reflective of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, as advocated by the new Director General, we expect to deliver on the following priorities: Industrial policy and statistics for sustainable, agribusiness and agro-industries, youth and women-oriented Small Medium Enterprises, and energy access for productive, including renewable energy.

To conclude, Chair Person , let me to reiterate the commitment of Mozambique to continue and strengthening our cooperation with UNIDO as means to increase productive capacity, improve livelihoods and achieve sustainable development.

**I thank you for your kind attention**

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