# Speech by Head of the Chinese Delegation at the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

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Respected Chair,

Director — General Li Yong,

Heads of Delegations,

**Distinguished Guests**,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very delighted to come to the beautiful city of Lima, and attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to discuss matters of vital importance concerning industrial development cooperation.

First, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Chinese delegation, my sincere thanks to the government of the Republic of Peru for hosting this event. I would also like to congratulate Madame Chair on her election as the chairperson of this session, and express high appreciation to the chairperson of the last session for his outstanding contributions.

We are very happy to see that in the past two years, UNIDO has made a series of important achievements by deepening internal institutional reform, continuously strengthening project fund-raising and execution capacity, vigorously promoting green industrial development, and actively pushing forward international exchange and cooperation in environment and energy. We have also noted that since he took office as Director-General of UNIDO from last June, Mr. Li Yong has attached great emphasis on motivating the staff of UNIDO Secretariat, stayed in close contact and

consultation with member countries and other cooperation partners. He has set forth the notion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development as well as many good thoughts on UNIDO's future work. China highly praises and fully recognizes the above-mentioned achievements and efforts, and will continue to support the work of UNIDO and the Director-General.

#### Delegates,

### Ladies and Gentlemen,

The impact of the international financial crisis is still with us, and there is a long way to go to achieve economic recovery and growth. As countries pay more attention to the development of the real economy including industry, UNIDO will have a lot to accomplish in the future. We hope that UNIDO will tap into the advantages of itself and member countries, and provide more effective services for industrial development across the world, especially developing countries. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my four observations.

First, UNIDO's future priorities should be identified with overall planning. China supports the notion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. To realize inclusive industrial development, the key is to improve the industrialization standards of developing countries, so as to lift more people out of poverty. At the same time, the inevitable path to sustainable industrial development is to carry out new industrialization. We hope to discuss the roadmap of UNIDO's future and work priorities under the guidance of the Lima Declaration to be adopted at this session.

Second, fund mobilization capacity should be strengthened for UNIDO to better fulfill its missions. At present, many developing countries, especially least developed ones are still in initial stages of industrialization and urgent need of UNIDO's effective help. We call on member countries, developed ones in particular, to continue to provide more support to UNIDO in terms of funds and technology; we also encourage UNIDO to further strengthen its cooperation partnership with member countries, relevant international development agencies as well as the private sector, to play a bigger role in helping developing countries to realize industrialization.

Third, South-South and triangular cooperation should be further strengthened through model innovation. We support UNIDO' efforts to reinforce South-South cooperation. China has always been a strong advocate, firm supporter and active participant of South-South cooperation, and will continue to commit more fund and technical support. In order to bring benefits to a vast number of developing countries through practical cooperation with UNIDO, the Chinese government has decided to provide UNIDO with USD 20 million of voluntary contribution from 2013 to 2016.

Fourth, UNIDO should fully participate in the development of the post-2015 development agenda with a future-oriented view. At the moment, the international community is shaping up the post-2015 development agenda. We believe that the new development agenda ought to take on development as the common thread, follow the people-oriented approach, and focus on poverty reduction. In the meantime, it should accommodate the realities and development stages of different countries and respect their development paths with a commitment to achieving balanced, sustainable and inclusive growth. It is hoped that UNIDO will play a bigger role in developing and implementing the post-2015 development agenda.

#### Delegates,

The 3rd Plenum of the 18th CPC Central Committee concluded last month outlined a master program for China's comprehensive deepening of reforms. China will unswervingly deepen reform and expand opening up. China will promote innovation-driven growth, optimize industrial structure, and speed up eco-civilization building. Staying on course of new industrialization featuring high technology content, good economic returns, low energy consumption, little environment pollution and full play of human resources, China will promote sustained and healthy economic growth and enable its people to benefit from development fruits. We will work closely with UNIDO and its members to jointly push forward inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

In conclusion, I wish the session a complete success.

Thank you.