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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Rajiva Misra, Permanent Representative of India at the
42nd Session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO
Vienna, November 25-27, 2014**

Agenda item 3. Annual Report of the Director General for 2013

Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of the forty-second session of the Industrial Development Board, along with your bureau members. I am confident that this session will be a success under your guidance and leadership. I would also like to thank the outgoing President of the IDB H.E. Ambassador ALIYAR LEBBE ABDUL AZEEZ of Sri Lanka, for his commitment and contribution during his presidency of the IDB.

We associate ourselves with the statement made by the distinguished CDA of the Philippines on behalf of G77 and China and would like to make some additional remarks in our national capacity.

Mr. President,

India appreciates the overall performance of UNIDO, during 2013 within the available resources. India takes note of the financial situation of the Organization and appreciates the efforts of Member States in meeting their financial obligations. Timely payment of assessed contributions is essential for the sound financial health of UNIDO, and to the smooth continuation of its activities, which is in the interest of all of us. We also note efforts towards forging new partnerships. However, while developing these new linkages we should not lose sight of the central importance of North-South partnership, and the complementary role of South-South cooperation in industrial development in the developing countries.

Mr. President,

Lima Declaration, “Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development” provides a forward-looking framework for industrial development strategies of developing countries. We appreciate DG UNIDO’s efforts to implement the Lima Declaration.

Mr. President,

India’s ongoing cooperation activities with UNIDO illustrate our strong commitment to the organization. India, one of the founder members, has a long tradition of close cooperation with UNIDO. It is among the 12 major donors who contribute more than USD 1 million per annum. India supports the strong role of UNIDO among developing nations and LDCs. We remain committed to sharing our experiences and expertise in the field of industrial development and capacity building, with all our friends and partners.

We also take this opportunity to reaffirm the efforts undertaken jointly by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India and UNIDO in making the programme interventions of UNIDO more effective and efficient.

India acknowledges the work undertaken by the UNIDO Centre for South-South Industrial Cooperation (UCSSIC) based in New Delhi and the International Centre for Advancement of Manufacturing Technology (ICAMT) also based in India. Furthermore India and UNIDO have now agreed to merge these two projects of UCSSIC and ICAMT to achieve the optimal utilization of resources and programmatic synergies. And in keeping with the theme of ISID, the new merged centre will be called the “International Centre for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development” (ICISID). The ICISID aims to bring best practices and new improved manufacturing technologies to Indian industry and to share India’s experience in cluster based development within the framework of South-South Cooperation.

Mr. President,

India has repeatedly emphasized the need for streamlining and standardizing the management and reporting frameworks. We appreciate efforts on the part of UNIDO to re-orient the set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and align it to the

three dimensions of economic growth, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability.

Mr. President,

We would also stress that UNIDO should help promote the development of cutting edge technologies, ensuring ownership by target countries, so that pilot initiatives are assured of sustainability and replication. This will lead to faster and sustained technology upgradation in member countries. UNIDO should also organize regular conferences to showcase the various models/programs running in different countries in order to enable wider dissemination and replicability.

I would also like to recall with appreciation that Deputy Director General Mr. Nishikawa participated in the launch of “Make in India” campaign in New Delhi, by the Prime Minister of India in September 2014. “Make in India” is a campaign to give boost to manufacturing in India by providing an enabling atmosphere. In this context, we would also like to reorient the UNIDO–India partnership to better serve the evolving priorities of India’s industrial policy. In view of the emphasis laid by the Prime Minister of India on industrial development, UNIDO has recently been requested to showcase new technologies and the best systems for the development of industrial corridors, smart cities, and clusters in India.

Thank you Mr. President

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Agenda item 5. Provisional outline of the medium-term programme framework 2016-2019

Mr. President,

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Mr. President,

We take note of the provisional outline of the medium -term programme framework of the UNIDO for 2016-2019. We believe that this outline provides a framework for further work in this regard.

In this regard we would like to recall GC resolution no GC.15/Dec.17 on the MEDIUM-TERM PROGRAMME FRAMEWORK adopted by the General Conference at Lima last year. The said resolution requested the Director General to submit from 2015 onwards, on a quadrennial basis, to the Board in the second year of a biennium, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework for four years, taking into account the Lima Declaration and also the "Strategic Guidance Document".

We would like to emphasize that the Medium Term Programme Framework should be developed by the Secretariat in close coordination with the member states and we hope that a series of technical briefings and consultation meetings will take place before this is finalized for presentation before the Programme and Budget Committee next year. My delegation looks forward to taking active part in these briefings and consultation meetings.

Thank you Mr. President

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Agenda item 9. Implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development

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India takes note of the Report by the Director General in the documents IDB 42/14, IDB 42/15 and IDB 42/26.

We appreciate the efforts of the Secretariat in organizing two very successful Forums over the past year. We look forward to more such activities in the future while maintaining regional and thematic focus and in line with the core mandate of the Organization i.e. poverty eradication through industrial development.

Mr. President,

India has been an active member of “friends of ISID in New York” and has taken a leading role in ensuring that some of the developmental goals pertaining to industrial development have been included in the outcome document of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. UNIDO’s core mandate and focus areas of poverty eradication, capacity building and job creation may require it to align its activities with more than one of the SDGs once these are finalized and adopted next year to fulfill the objective of the post -2015 development agenda i.e. to “leave no one behind” and to address inequalities at all levels.

Mr. President,

Once again I would like to emphasize that the Lima Declaration: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, is an aspirational framework and should not become a prescriptive straitjacket. While promoting ISID, UNIDO should remain mindful of the diverse socio-political realities of the world and should not constrain the developmental choices and policy space of its member states.

Thank you, Mr. President.