

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA DELIVERED DURING THE 42ND SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF UNIDO

Vienna, 26th November 2014

Mr. President,

- 1.** At the outset we congratulate you on your election as the Chair of the 42nd session of the UNIDO's Industrial Development Board. We acknowledge the good progress so far made under your able leadership and assure you of the full support of our delegation. We are confident that you will steer and guide the session to a fruitful conclusion
- 2.** We also commend H.E. Aliyar Lebbe Abdul Azeez, the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka for his enormous contributions during the preparations of this Board and wish also to convey our gratitude to the outgoing bureau for their excellent coordination and organization of this session.
- 3.** We in particular wish to thank the Director-General, Mr. Li Yong for his opening statement and indeed appreciate his continued dedication and efforts in making the Organization more efficient and effective during the first year of his tenure in office.
- 4.** Kenya associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Republic of Philippines on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

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Mr. President

5. My delegation takes note of the 2013 annual Report submitted in document IDB.42/2 providing information on initiatives, activities and programmes planned and implemented by the Organization during the year.
6. Kenya has a long history of constructive relations with UNIDO over the years and has benefited from its numerous activities and technical expertise that entails agro-business value chain promotion of soyabean-based industries, renewable energy and transfer of environmentally sound technology for water treatment projects.

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7. The world is presently characterized by increased interconnectedness and growing demand for industrial development that is equitable, accessible and sustainable. In this regard, Kenya welcomes Declaration of the 15th General Conference of UNIDO held in Lima, Peru last year which reemphasized the core mandate of UNIDO of poverty eradication through inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The Lima Declaration has broadened UNIDO's mandate with its emphasis on inclusive and sustainable industrial development which sets out clear roadmaps in terms of goals to be pursued by the Organization in advancing the post-2015 industrial development agenda.
8. Kenya further welcomes the efforts of the Director General in initiating and organizing the two forums on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) held in June and November of this year and encourages the Organization to

broaden the focus of such partnership forum beyond the pilot phase. In implementing such programmes the Organization should take into account national priorities and circumstances and strengthen efforts to implement a holistic socially inclusive, partnership-based and environmentally sustainable programmes.

9. Kenya appreciates the continued implementation of UNIDO's programme for Change and Organizational Renewal (PCOR) which has impacted positively in terms of achieving organizational efficiency and effectiveness through business process reengineering, implementation of an Enterprise Resource Planning as well as through staff development. Kenya urges the organization to strive to involve all stakeholders in the design and implementation phase of intervention programme to enhance ownership by the recipient countries.

10. Finally Mr President, Kenya commends UNIDO's effort in delivering a fully embedded and seamlessly integrated e-procurement functionality which has led to significant quality improvement by enhancing the efficiency and transparency of all procurement and supply chain management. We however stress the need to strike balance between streamlining procurement processes through internal controls at Headquarters level and allowing some level of flexibility to the various field offices to minimize delay in implementing technical cooperation programmes.

Thank you Mr. President