

Speaking points for the 42nd session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board, 25-27 November 2014

Mr. Chairman,

Romania fully subscribes to the statement delivered by the distinguished ambassador of Italy on behalf of the European Union. I would like to make some remarks in my national capacity.

Firstly, Romania, in its capacity of member of the IDB UNIDO congratulates you on your election as Chair of this 42nd Session of the Industrial Development Board. You can count on my support. I am deeply convinced that during these three days, UNIDO will identify new ways to address the global challenges and from this perspective, I would like to assure you of our full cooperation and availability to support the implementation of UNIDO programmes and goals.

Romania welcomes the development of global partnerships with view to explore ways for the re-industrialization process, based on competitiveness and innovation. From our point of view, this sound way leads to economic growth and the creation of new jobs. In this vein, Romania highlights the significance of the social economic approach in a new productive model, based on the development of joint projects, aimed at using the renewable energy for the regional development. One of the most significant goals is the increasing of the innovation potential in UNIDO Member States. From this perspective, we are ready to continue disseminating our national know how and expertise, under the umbrella of the cooperation in the UNIDO framework. We focus mainly on industrial projects, technology of information, communications, bio – economy, eco-technologies, energy (energy efficiency in industrial, energy storage, new trends, etc.), environment, agribusiness and other creative sectors.

Mr. Chairman,

One of the most important challenges of our time is the efficient management of the resources; in this regard, Romania suggests the establishment of a Global Atlas of resources, which could underpin the identification of opportunities for international cooperation, under UNIDO's umbrella.

Conserving and promoting green economy, economic growth and sustainable development represent the main ideas of UNIDO. From this perspective, Romania emphasizes the need for additional efforts to achieving green economy. Promoting an increase of green technology and creating new jobs in the green industry and entrepreneurship play a key role within this context. Taking into account the need to preserve existing resources, in the last decades, Romania has made significant efforts in promoting the production of green energy in different regions of the country, with different developing capacities.

Further on, Romania supports identifying strategic priorities and funding sources aimed at increasing UNIDO's role in the post 2015 Development Agenda.

At the same time, with a view to further promote international cooperation within UNIDO's framework, my country will offer its support to facilitate cooperation at regional level. In this vein, Romania warmly welcomes the new concept recently proposed by UNIDO, regarding the developing of pilot – projects in some countries, with a further dissemination of the established model to other member states which need the Organisation's expertise. This project represents a cornerstone in the international cooperation and a pattern with consolidated added value. We currently consider organizing regional conference that will aim at sharing best practices and disseminating the newest ideas in different areas, with impact on all the main regional actors. Such a regional conference will deal with themes as new technologies, sustainable economic growth and promotion of the green industry. We will share all the details with partners in due course.

As we know, one of the core idea is the establishment of an energy infrastructure in developing countries, as a part of the sustainable development concept, promoted by UNIDO at all levels.

Mr. Chairman,

We will like to conclude by highlighting the importance of promoting an integrated approach, which should aim at the economic growth, environmental protection and with a constructive social impact. Romania really values the DG Li Yong efforts, in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development in defining post 2015 development goals.

Thank you for your attention!