

Statement of the Brazilian delegation at the 42nd Session of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development

“Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to congratulate you, as well as the other members of the Bureau, on your election as Chairman of the 42nd Session of the IDB for their respective elections. We are confident that, under your leadership, we will achieve positive results in this meeting. You may count with our full support.

I also want to express the appreciation of my delegation for the work and leadership of your predecessors, Ambassadors Aliyar Abdul Azeez of Sri Lanka and Antonio Garcia Revilla of Peru. We also thank the outgoing Bureau for their work and the Secretariat for the preparation of this meeting.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

My delegation fully associates itself with the statements made by the distinguished representative of Paraguay, Ambassador Horacio Nogués, on behalf of GRULAC, and by the distinguished representative of Philippines, Ms. Maria Elena P. Algabre, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. At this point, allow me to add some comments from a national perspective.

My delegation wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of the Director General, Mr. Li Yong, during his first year in office, despite the difficult circumstances, highlighted in his opening speech today in the morning.

We welcome the DG's leadership to promote the role of UNIDO and the concept of ISID in the discussions on the post-2015 development agenda, in line with the mandate of the Lima Declaration. Brazil will continue to support his efforts. We consider that industrialization is an indispensable driver for development and poverty eradication and adequate industrial policies continue to be crucial for this purpose. As the Chair pointed out today in his opening speech, industrialization does not happen in isolation.

We also welcome the DG's efforts to promote new partnerships with relevant stakeholders in the public and private sectors. We are confident that such new and strengthened partnerships UNIDO is forging, as illustrated by the two successful ISID Forums, will contribute to increase the impact of its activities.

We particularly welcome the priority attached by the DG to transparency and a productive and continuous dialogue with member states. In this regard, we highlight his visit to Brazil in 2013, as one more example of his outreach activities.

We also wish to thank the DG and the Secretariat for the multiple briefings on UNIDO's activities. This very productive exchange of information and ideas between UNIDO's staff, country representatives, experts and other stakeholders is key to promote greater awareness of the Organizations' important work.

Mr. Chairman,

We appreciate the ongoing partnership between Brazil and UNIDO in a number of areas mentioned in the 2013 annual report. We particularly highlight the Memorandum of Cooperation between UNIDO and the International Center for Biogas in Foz do Iguaçu, signed in November 2013. We are also pleased with progress towards the implementation of projects under the Latin America and Caribbean Trust Fund. At this opportunity, we would like to thank the Government of China for its generous contribution to the Fund.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates,

Allow me to briefly refer to the status of Brazil's contributions to UNIDO. As you know, in 2010 Brazil and UNIDO signed a rescheduling agreement covering arrears that dated back to 1995. Under this agreement, Brazil paid the first three installments, in a total of almost 15 million euros. The effort involved in the repayment of such an amount is an eloquent message about Brazil's commitment to UNIDO.

At this moment, my Government is undertaking efforts in order to comply with our remaining obligations under the payment plan as soon as possible. We have been working closely with the Secretariat in order to provide updates on this matter.

Mr. Chairman,

To conclude, let me reaffirm the commitment of Brazil to UNIDO and our very strong support to the work of the DG and its team. We are confident that the current efforts to further revitalize the Organization and to reposition it in the United Nations system will be successful.

Thank you.”