

**Statement of H. E M. Ghazi Jomaa, Ambassador Permanent Representative
at the 43nd Session of the Industrial Development Board (IDB) of the United Nations
Organizations for Industrial Development (UNIDO)**

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Mr Chair,

Let me start to join other delegates in congratulating you and other Members of the Bureau for your election to lead this session. I am confident that under your skilful guidance, this Board will reach tangible results.

I would like also to express my sincere appreciation and esteem to Mr. Li Young, General Director of UNIDO for his valuable support and commitment during the last nineteen months in office, to reduce poverty, to contribute to an inclusive and sustainable industrial development and economic growth and to promote the position of the UNIDO as a leading International organization supporting the development in the world.

Tunisia associates itself with the statements made by the Arab Group, the African Group and the Group of 77 and China.

My Delegation expresses also its high appreciation for the preparation of the Annual Report of the Director General and for the informal consultations held prior to this session, which provide a good basis for our deliberations at this session.

Mr Chair,

My delegation expresses its highest appreciation for the organization of the two Fora on inclusive and sustainable industrial development held in Vienna in June and November 2014 with the participation of the United Nations Secretary-General and the hosting of the 1st Donor meeting in November 2014. We also welcome the ISID UNIDO partnership program and reiterate the request to be selected as a pilot country under this program.

While welcoming the Director General's initiative to establish a new programme of country partnerships (PCP) aimed at promoting a partnership-based modality for the provision of UNIDO services, the new modalities should not substitute the existing modalities of TC delivery.

My delegation would like also to invite the Director General to continue the support of South-South and triangular cooperation.

In this context, Tunisia notes with satisfaction the progress made by UNIDO programs to promote employment through the development of entrepreneurship and business and reaffirms our commitment to continue our partnership with UNIDO in this regards based on Tunis

declaration adopted by the International Conference on “productive employment and youth in the MENA region” which was organized by UNIDO on 28 and 29 November 2012 in Tunis.

Mr Chair,

In the framework of strengthening the regional dimension in the Organization's programs, we suggest more coordination between UNIDO and other UN organizations and various international partners and avoid duplication in the implementation of projects or focus on the same sectors or the beneficiaries of the partnership programs is located.

Employment of young graduates and women in innovative sectors, strengthening the technology transfer and addressing regional disparity and underdevelopment of the inner areas should be taken into account in the preparation and implementation of UNIDO's programs.

In this regard, many initiatives would be needed in order to bring development process to successful end such as the creation of Regional Centers of South-South Cooperation, the strengthening of public-private partnerships and the exchange of good practices and capacity-building.

Furthermore, we would like to express our support to the efforts made by the Director General of UNIDO to place special emphasis on inclusive and sustainable industrial development as part of Goal 9 of the post 2015 development agenda.

In this context, we would like to highlight, once again, the importance of Lima Declaration Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development, adopted during the 15th session of the UNIDO General Conference held in December 2013 which outlined the organization's strategy for the coming year.

Mr Chair,

The success of our cooperation projects and programs requires also the mobilization of necessary funds to finance them. In this regards, we take note with appreciation of the sustained efforts made by the General Director to overcome the financial challenges faced currently by UNIDO including the departure of some member states, and we encourage the Organization to explore alternatives and mechanisms to improve and sustain the financial situation. We are convinced that effective support from the international community including specialized UN organizations and partners is instrumental in order to bring development process to a successful end

In conclusion, allow me, Mr Chair, to express our strong call and unwavering support to our African continent and to the Special Resources for Africa which should remains institutionalized as a part of the regular budget.

Thank you