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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

Since we are taking the floor for the first time, I would like to join other speakers in congratulating you on your election as the Chair of the Board. I also congratulate the members of the Bureau. We are confident that under your able leadership the Board will achieve a successful conclusion. I assure you of my delegation's full support.

I also would like to express our appreciation to the outgoing chair and the bureau members for their commendable work during the previous IDB session.

My delegation welcomes the comprehensive introductory statement of the Director General and extends its appreciation to the Secretariat staff for their efforts in preparing documents for this meeting.

Turkey has aligned itself with the statement of the European Union. I would like to make a few additional remarks from a national perspective.

Mr. Chairman,

First of all, taking this opportunity, I would like to commend the Director General and all his staff members for their excellent work in organizing the fourth Vienna Energy Forum in cooperation with relevant partners last week. I am confident that the discussions and the exchange of ideas that took place during this global event would contribute to achieving the objective of sustainable and inclusive industrial development, among many other valuable contributions of the Forum.

Mr. Chairman,

This IDB session is crucial as we undertake to decide on the programs and activities of UNIDO for the coming years as well as the sufficient resources for their implementation. My delegation expresses its high appreciation to the

Director General for preparing his revised proposal on the programme and budgets 2016-2017, based on the conclusions reached in the last PBC session. These conclusions were achieved after lengthy deliberations and reflect the delicate balance between the financial constraints of the Organization and the necessity to preserve its capacity to deliver technical cooperation services.

Turkey has long been supportive of the idea that, while adapting to the new circumstances and addressing certain challenges that UNIDO faces, we should also ensure that the adverse impacts of this process are kept at the lowest level possible and the momentum that the Organization has achieved in recent years, is retained. This requires efforts both from the Secretariat, as well as, responsible and well evaluated guidance from our side, as the Member States.

In this regard, we would like to convey our gratitude to the States that have contributed to the regular budget on time and call upon those which have not yet paid their assessed contributions to do so without delay.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I would like to reiterate Turkey's commitment to work closely with UNIDO and its members for the accomplishment of its mandate.

I thank you.

