

Agenda Item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2015

Madam President,

1. The Group welcomes the Annual Report 2015 of UNIDO, which contains a list of activities, initiatives and programs that have been undertaken by the Organization last year. The Group is pleased to see that UNIDO, which celebrates 50 years of its establishment this year, received in 2015 the largest amount of funds in its recent history to implement its mandate of promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) of developing countries and economies in transition.

2. The Group appreciates the active role played by this Organization and its Director General, in promoting UNIDO's mandate, through participation in different activities in 2015, including, among others, a side event during the Sustainable Development Summit on the impact of the Agenda 2030 in Africa, the Addis Ababa Conference, and the Paris Climate Conference. The active involvement of UNIDO in those events has raised the visibility of the Organization.

3. Furthermore, the Group requests that UNIDO continues to support initiatives of South-South and triangular cooperation which had proven successful in the past with regard to knowledge transfer and knowledge sharing. Nevertheless, the Group highlights that North-South Cooperation remains important and crucial for UNIDO, to promote the development, transfer, dissemination and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favorable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms.

Thank you, Madame President.