

**Statement of the G-77 and China at the closure of the 44<sup>th</sup> session of UNIDO's Industrial Development Board 24 November 2016, delivered by H.E. Mr. Simon Madjumo Maruta, Permanent Representative of Namibia**

Madam President, [Ambassador Maria Zeneida Angara Collinson, Permanent Representative of the Philippines]

1. At the closure of this 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Industrial Development Board, it is an honor for me to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. The Group commends UNIDO for its untiring efforts over the past 5 decades, in which people and countries from all regions have greatly benefited in reaching development. In this sense, UNIDO has successfully promoted sustainable industrial development and innovation, as well as mainstreamed environmentally sound technology into national productive systems of Member States through disseminating knowledge and providing advice on industrial policies and strategies.
3. The Group supports UNIDO in the promotion of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) – and looks forward to its continuation through the Programme for Country Partnership launched in 2015 - as a key driver for the full and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in particular SDG9 and its interlinkages with many other development goals.
4. The Group remains fully committed with this Organization in reaching its mandate and encourages Member States to continue their support to UNIDO and invites non-Member States to join UNIDO as a means to support the realization of the 2030 Agenda.
5. The Group of 77 and China looks forward to a strengthened and vital Organization in the coming decades.

Thank you Madam President.