

Statement of the G-77 and China at the 44th period of sessions of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO, 22-25 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. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, it is for me an honor to address the 44th session of the Industrial Development Board. I congratulate you, on your election to chair this session as well as the members of the bureau. Allow me to thank Ambassador SONG Young-wan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, and the members of the outgoing bureau for their good work achieved. I also thank the Secretariat for preparing the necessary documents for our work and for organizing briefings on various issues prior to this meeting.

Madam President,

2. On this memorable occasion, the Group congratulates UNIDO on its 50th anniversary. Over the past decades, UNIDO has done a commendable job in promoting industrial development in developing countries and economies in transition. The Group believes that UNIDO's achievements in this regard have been highly recognized by stake holders and have encouraged a large number of partners in working with the Organization.

3. Since the establishment of UNIDO fifty years ago, the Group has attached great importance to collectively working towards the pursuit of developmental goals.

4. Moreover, in May 1998 UNIDO inaugurated the G-77 Vienna Chapter and since then has provided most efficient and professional support to our Group, covering all the United Nations Vienna-based Organizations.

5. The Group takes note with appreciation of UNIDO's increasing technical services through customized programs, with the aim to assist Member States to advance economic competitiveness, to create jobs, to alleviate poverty and to create shared prosperity and safeguard the environment.

6. In this regard, the Group reaffirms its belief that industrialization is a crucial driver of development which works as a catalyst for increasing productivity and generates income, as well as provides opportunities for social inclusion, especially gender equality, empowers women and girls and creates decent employment for the youth.

7. The Group considers the Lima Declaration of 2013 to be a milestone in UNIDO's history and expressed a new vision: to promote and accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). In that sense the Group commends

the Director General for his untiring support of a global understanding and appreciation of this new approach for economic growth and development.

8. The Group reaffirms that in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNIDO plays a critical role in accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrialization for the full benefit of its Member States, through achieving targets set out in Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 5, 7, 9 and 11. The Group remains committed to support the work of UNIDO and calls on all Member States to continue their active participation and contribution to this Organization.

9. The G-77 and China welcomes UNIDO's new approach, Programme for Country Partnership (PCP), with the aim to mobilize more financial resources bringing various development partners together to support ISID for Member States. We welcome the implementation of PCP in Ethiopia and Senegal and its launch in Peru as well as support its extension to other countries and regions. The Group requests to be informed on the progress of these projects, on a regular basis. The Group reiterates that this new approach should be complementary to the existing modalities of TC delivery.

10. The G-77 and China welcomes the contribution of UNIDO this year and actively supported the resolution for a Decade of African Industrialization 2016-2025 that was adopted by the General Assembly in July 2016. UNIDO equally took the lead role to prepare a report on the industrialization in Africa and LDCs to the G20. All these efforts are reflection on the important role of UNIDO in the field of international development cooperation.

11. The Group believes that UNIDO's activities have not only benefited its Member States, but also the Non-Members. In this regard, the Group requests the Non-Members to consider joining UNIDO and contributing to its sustainable development activities.

12. The Group requests UNIDO to fully implement its mandate through translating relevant resolutions into action and in this regard, calls upon all Member States to support UNIDO's activities in achieving sustainable development goals, in particular SDG 9, of the 2030 Agenda.

Thank you, Madam President.