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Statement

By the Head of Delegation of the DPRK
At the Eighteenth Session of the General Conference of
the United Nations Industrial Development Organization

Mr. President,

Dear delegates,

On behalf of the delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), I would first like to congratulate you, Y.E. Suhail Al Mazrouei, on your election as the President of the current session, and I express my conviction that this session would produce a successful result under your able guidance.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. Director-General of UNIDO, Secretariat and the Government of United Arab Emirates for their great dedication for a successful opening of this session.

Mr. President,

During the period under review, UNIDO has made considerable achievements such as active pursuit of technical assistance to developing countries even in the face of financial difficulties in order to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development through implementation of 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and Mid-Term Programme 2016-2019.

My delegation appreciates that last year, UNIDO-organized regional workshops in the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Russian Federation and Thailand and provided the capacity-building assistance to several Member States including Cambodia and Kuwait, and that it plans to further expand the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme from 8 to 20 countries.

My delegation is of the view that it is a step which has appropriately reflected the prevailing global economic situation that the Organization has defined the overarching theme of the current General Conference as "Industry 2030 – Innovate, Connect, Transform our Future" and taken as this session's major agenda items the issues such as role of inclusive and sustainable industrial development for the future of manufacturing within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and potential benefits and challenges posed to the industries of the developing and least developed countries by the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Mr. President,

Today, economic inequalities among the countries are getting deeper on the international stage, and this poses a grave hindrance to sustainable economic development of the developing countries.

Some specific countries are infringing upon the sovereignty and right to development of the developing countries which are not on the former's terms and containing their socio-economic development.

All the above facts highlight that the indiscriminate sanctions and economic blockade by some states that are menacing the right to survival of individual countries and creating artificial obstacles to their sustainable development should no longer be tolerated. And it also demands that the developing countries support each other and expand and develop cooperation and exchange for achieving common goals and ideals.

We believe that UNIDO should play a pivotal role in creating an environment and meeting the needs for inclusive and sustainable industrial development, as being an important UN organization in full charge of technical cooperation for realizing industrialization of developing countries as part of its activities for achieving the 2030 SDGs.

Mr. President,

Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK in his historic policy speech advanced the tasks for consolidating the material foundations of socialism by concentrating all efforts on economic construction and bringing about a great upsurge in the socialist construction, holding fast to self-reliance as the treasured sword of

prosperity.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission, our people are now performing miracles and creating innovations in their all-out march for realizing earlier the cause of building a powerful socialist country by achieving the high goal of economic construction at the shortest time possible.

It is our unshakable stand to realize by all means the cause of building a powerful socialist country by maximum utilization of the foundations and potentials of the self-supporting national economy and by dint of single-hearted unity.

The Government of the DPRK will continue to actively contribute to attaining the goals of UNIDO for inclusive and sustainable industrial development and discharge its responsibility and role in strengthening and developing the friendly and cooperative relations with all member states and achieving common development and prosperity for humankind.

I thank you, Mr. President.