

Statement of the Asia-Pacific Group at the 18th
session of UNIDO General Conference, delivered by
Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Group

Mr. President[H.E. Eng. Suhail Al Mazrouei, UAE Minister of
Energy and Industry],

1. On behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group, allow me firstly
congratulate Your Excellency on your election as the
president of the 18th session of the UNIDO General Conference,
as well as all other members of the Bureau on their
election. The Group is confident that under your guidance we
will have a successful Conference with fruitful outcomes. The
Group equally expresses sincere appreciations to the outgoing
bureau for their dedicated work. We also wish to thank the
Secretariat for the preparation of this session.

Notably, the Group takes this opportunity to thank the United
Arab Emirates as the host country for their thoughtful
arrangement and warm hospitality, which will significantly
facilitate the deliberation throughout the whole session.

2. The Group endorses the speech delivered by H. E.
Ambassador Omar Amer Youssef, Permanent Representative of
Egypt on behalf of the G77 and China, and would like to make

the following supplementary remarks.

Mr. President,

3. The Group expresses its appreciations to Director General Li Yong and his staff for their constant and relentless efforts, through the effective and efficient delivery of UNIDO's mandate in helping its member states to promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization.

4. The Group highly recognizes the unique role of UNIDO as the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability and its important contributions which have been and will be made in supporting member states in the achievement of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by integrating and up-scaling its core functions and strategic priorities.

5. The Group notes with appreciation the positive technical cooperation intervention in this region, which generates significant impact on local development, and therefore encourages Director General to take further focused and tailor-made actions, in line with the national development priorities, to continue help APG members to accelerate the

process of industrialization, thereby helping realize the 2030 Agenda.

Mr. President,

6. The Group appreciates the efforts of UNIDO in enhancing existing and forging new partnerships at the global, regional and sub-regional level. Particularly, the Group acknowledges the progress of the pilot Programme for Country Partnership(PCP), as an effective tool aimed at mobilizing external partners and additional resources to extend the impact of UNIDO technical services. In this connection, the Group encourages the lessons and experiences attained from the pilot PCPs will further benefit this region in the process of future expansion.

7. The Group is pleased to note that the initiative of PCP expanded to the Asia and Pacific Region, and looks forward to the further expansion of this initiative to more Member States of this region. The Group calls for more resources could be mobilized from the donors and international development partners, including towards the Partnership Trust Fund, to ensure the adequate and sustainable implementation of the PCP approach.

Mr. President,

8. The Group takes note of the ongoing UNDS reform and believes that with the set of far-reaching changes, including the reinvigorated Resident Coordinator(RC) system, the reform will lead to accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, the Group encourages UNIDO's full and deep participation in the new UNDS system and consolidate relevant resources and competences to enable a more effective and efficient execution of inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the field.

9. The Group also notes the financial implication of UNDS reform on UNIDO's regular budget, particularly the increase in the cost-sharing for the new RC system. In light of this, the Group requests the Director General to consult with member states to appropriately address the challenges by taking feasible measures.

Mr. President,

10. With a long history of partnering with UNIDO, APG members have attached great importance to UNIDO as the leading agency of industrial development cooperation in the UN system and also valued it as a prominent multilateral

platform to promote development cooperation. In this regard, the Group, in the spirit of multilateralism, will remain full committed to cooperate with UNIDO in the future.

11. Thank you Mr. President.

