

Statement by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey
at the 18th General Conference of the
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

Agenda Item 6: Elections to organs (a- Industrial Development Board)

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Turkey is not willing to break the consensus on the Industrial Development Board elections.

However, this should in no way be construed as implying any form of recognition of the Greek Cypriot Administration's pretention to represent the "Republic of Cyprus", nor as implying any obligations on the part of Turkey to enter into any dealing with authorities or institutions of the so-called "Republic of Cyprus" within the framework of the IDB, and UNIDO in general; in view of the fact that there has not been a joint authority or administration which is in law or in fact entitled to represent jointly the two peoples of Cyprus, namely the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots, and consequently Cyprus as a whole, since December 1963.

I kindly ask the Secretariat to register our position, and reflect it duly in the relevant reports.