Statement of the Ethiopian Delegation at the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of IDB

Item 10. Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Thank you very much Chair, Good morning Distinguished Delegates

The delegation of Ethiopia associates itself with the statement delivered by Excellency Ambassador Alejandro SOLANO on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and statement delivered by Excellency Ambassador Robison GITHAE. on behalf of the African Group wish to make the following statement on a national capacity

Ethiopia takes note of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 70/293 which mandates UNIDO to develop, operationalize and lead the implementation of IDDA III as well as enhance technical assistance towards resource mobilization for African countries.

In this respect the delegation of Ethiopia extends its appreciation to the Director General for his commitment and leadership in spearheading new innovative approach to bring about structural transformation based on a country-owned model which leverages financial and non-financial resources, promotes regional integration and mobilizes co-operation among Africa's development partners.

## Mr. Chair

African Governments have committed towards industrialization, as stipulated in continental policy documents such as Agenda 2063 to realize the continent's vision to build a self-resilient and self-reliant Africa.

The establishment and entering into force of the Af CFTA is a ardent manifestation of this commitment.

Ethiopia is implementing a holistic macro-economic reform programme, known as "Home-Grown Economic Reform Programme", with the ultimate goal of job creation, inclusive green growth, poverty reduction and attaining socioeconomic prosperity.

On this note, the delegation of Ethiopia appreciates UNIDO's and Member States continued support towards achieving ecofriendly industrialization in tandem with strategies set by the Government of Ethiopia to accelerate and expand the industrial policy making capacity and policy and implementation capability.

Thank you Chair.