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Excellency,

Gerd Mueller – General Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization - UNIDO

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António Guterres – General Secretary of the United Nations

Excellencies,

Distinguished Ministers and Honorable Permanent Representatives

Distinguished International Cooperation Partners

LADIES AND MY GENTLEMEN

It is a great honor to address a speech to the 50th Session of the Industrial Development Council of UNIDO, and to express our thanks, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Angola, and of myself, for our participation in this magnificent session of the Council.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the distinguished delegations present at this magnificent session, which takes place in this warm, beautiful and historic city of Vienna.

My delegation expresses also extensive thanks to the General Director of UNIDO, Mr. Gerd Mueller and his dedicated team, as well as to the Secretariat of the organization for the excellent work that has been carried out, within the scope of the partnership signed with the Government of Angola for the materialization of the “Framework Program for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development”, in the guarantee for the materialization of Objective nº 9, “Develop a resilient

infrastructure and an inclusive and sustainable industrialization, as well as innovation”.

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We are sure that ONIDO's role in the industrialization process has enabled countries to grow rapidly, particularly in Africa, always bearing in mind the need to reduce the poverty line. The main development strategies and plans drawn up and conceived on the continent, such as the Post-2063 Agenda, the Accelerated Industrial Development Strategy for Africa, the SADC Strategic Indicative Plan for Regional Development, the SADC Industrialization Strategy and Roadmap 2015 - 2063, emphasize the need to intensify Africa's industrialization process. Therefore, there is a need to join more and more synergies with international cooperation partners. What stands out here is the high level of performance, with regard to the definition of cooperation strategies, achieved between UNIDO and the countries, in the course of the Country Partnership Programs (PCP).

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We are absolutely certain that there is widespread recognition of the success of Country Partnership Programs (PCPs), from those implemented in Africa to those implemented in Latin American countries, which reinforces the commitment to inclusive and sustainable industrial development, for achievement of objective nº 9, which shows the construction of resilient infrastructures and the promotion of innovation in the pursuit of the Lima Declaration and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which creates a strengthening interface anchored with aspiration nº 1 of the 2063 agenda of the Africa we want”, which defends “The prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development”, “A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development”.

We thank UNIDO for its continued assistance in strengthening our efforts to achieve prosperity through industrialization.

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We take the opportunity, as well as the scope and magnitude of this session, to echo our voice, and the strong commitment of our leaders, regarding the development of policies conducive to the structural transformation of our economies through industrialization. We also salute the initiatives that have been developed and implemented by UNIDO and International Cooperation Partners (ICP), in the sense that we all achieve the goals of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID), on a global scale, in the framework of the UN 2030 Agenda.

The month of November, as part of the annual commemorative activities of the African Industrialization Week, leads us, more and more, to reflect on the huge need for African countries to join synergies to promote industrialization, which will allow to stimulate the transformation of the economy of Africa; therefore, November 20 is commemorated as Africa Industrialization Day, a date adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of the then OAU in July 1989, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

This commemoration day on the Industrialization of Africa offers a sublime opportunity for African leaders and key stakeholders to reflect on industrialization, and analyze scenarios of how the continent can change its current status quo, under the designs anchored in the “Agenda 2063 Africa we want, Africa we defend, as well as SDG 2030”, respectively.

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In this vein, and in order to achieve these goals, the Republic of Angola has been developing, within the scope of its strategy for the diversification of its economy, a series of structural institutional reforms that have had an impact on the leverage of the country's industrialization, through the improvement and modernization of logistical infrastructures, transport, expansion of electricity, water, telecommunications networks, as well as the rehabilitation and

construction of technical networks for the promotion and distribution of national production, all in line with the provisions of the guiding strategic documents, both regionally and internationally in terms of industrialization. Among them, we highlight: (i) III Third Decade of Industrial Development in Africa, (ii) Industrialization Strategy and Roadmap and Protocol on Industrialization of SADC. These documents reflect a set of guidelines to encourage and promote the development of diversified, innovative and competitive national and regional industrial bases, which will allow the continent's countries to achieve sustainable and inclusive industrial development.

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Associated with these purposes, and with a view to promoting more and better policies for industrialization, the Republic of Angola launches an appeal for the continued support of cooperation provided by UNIDO, with a view to implementing the Program Agreement – Framework on Industrial Policy UNIDO – ANGOLA, which is in an advanced negotiation phase, which fundamentally aims to support established national priorities, which are intended to support and promote economic diversification, the country's industrialization process, which is based on strengthening institutional capacity, development of the agro-industrial sector, Private sector development, support for industrial parks, Renewable energy development, environmental protection and resource management.

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In view of this scenario, Angola recognizes and encourages the important and essential role of UNIDO, and therefore requests continued high-level political support from UNIDO and partners to boost Africa's industrialization programs, through the establishment and strengthening of public-private alliances , at national, regional, continental level, as well as global policy coherence, aligned with coordination and engagement of partnerships for the financing of investments in structuring industrial projects. This must consider the

main current and emerging needs of countries, using science-technology and innovation, climate change, environmental resilience and crisis management.

Thank you very much.

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