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**Statement of
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Madame President,
Director General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Indonesian delegation, I would like to congratulate you, Madame President, on your election as President of the 17th General Conference of UNIDO as well as the other members of the Bureau for their respective elections. We are confident that under your able leadership, our deliberations will bear fruitful results.

Indonesia would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Li Yong on his re-appointment as Director General of UNIDO and to assure our full support, cooperation and commitment throughout his leadership. We are confident that under his renewed leadership, UNIDO's leading role in advancing the inclusive and sustainable industrial development will continue to be strengthened.

Indonesia, therefore, associates itself with the statements made by the Group of 77 and China and the Asia Pacific Group and wishes to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

Madame President,

UNIDO has become one of successful UN agencies in the attainment of sustainable development goals, particularly SDG-9 "build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation." SDG-9 explicitly reinstates the centrality of inclusive and sustainable development, at the highest level.

The concept of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) explores and harnesses the full potential of industry's contribution to the achievement of sustainable development, and lasting prosperity for all.

Indonesia believes that ISID is a key driver for successful integration of the economic, social, and environmental dimensions. This concept, however, requires collective action and a strong partnership between UNIDO and the Member States.

In this regard, Indonesia supports the theme of the 17th session of the Conference, "Partnering for Impact – Achieving the SDGs." The theme is not only but is also appropriate to reaffirm that partnerships are essential for achieving ISID and meeting the ambitious of 2030 Development Agenda.

Madam President,

Indonesia cannot emphasize enough the importance of industrialization as an essential driver for development, especially for developing countries through among others, the creation of decent productive employment, income generation, the facilitation of social integration, including the integration of women and youth into the economic growth process.

Furthermore, Indonesia underscores the significance of UNIDO, as the exclusive organization in the UN system focusing on industrial development as a means toward poverty alleviation, capacity building, job creation, and decreasing inequalities among the societies and nations.

Indonesia, however, urges UNIDO to give more consideration on how to help developing countries to address opportunities and challenges stemming from the Fourth Industrial Revolution in the context of 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This included new innovative approaches, among others, to climate change mitigation; development of the circular economy; and the role of strategic partnerships;

In this regard, there is a need to pursue UNIDO's potential to assist in establishing multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing platforms to create awareness on those new opportunities and challenges for pursuing ISID in developing countries.

Madame President,

We are pleased to note that the relationship and cooperation between the Government of Indonesia and UNIDO have existed for a number of years. To date, there are more than 105 UNIDO projects carried out in Indonesia that have contributed to our industrial development.

Last year, Indonesia and UNIDO have signed the new Country Programme 2016-2020 which consists 13 (thirteen) technical programmes. Those programmes cover four thematic priorities namely, poverty reduction through productive activities; trade capacity building; energy for productive use and energy efficiency; and environmental management.

However, strengthening our relationship is not the sole objective, more importantly, expanding and exploring new realms of cooperation to enhance our industrial capacity is essential.

Indonesia believes that the role of UNIDO could be more than interlocutor. In this respect, innovative approach is highly needed to adapt to the industrial advancement and to tap further opportunities.

UNIDO should fortify its four enabling functions holistically to maximize the impact of the organization's efforts and their alignment with national industrial policy priorities and global sustainable development.

In this regard, Indonesia views that the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) has been an innovative model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the Member States since 2014.

The PCP is a synergy between government and partner interventions relevant to industrial development. The PCP is meant to rest on a multi-stakeholder partnership led by the host government.

However, the PCP is not a one-size fit all models nor is it a silver bullet. That is why we believe that host country and UNIDO must join hands to ensure that proposed projects are in line with the country's priorities.

[On this matter, Indonesia intends to seek a continued close cooperation with UNIDO and looks forward to seeing the expanding relationship between the Government of Indonesia and UNIDO through the PCP.]

Madame President,

To conclude, Indonesia wishes to express once again, its utmost appreciation to the constructive engagement and continuing support of UNIDO and, while recognizing the important mandates and indispensable role of UNIDO as a champion of inclusive and sustainable industrialization to drive economic growth, social development, and environmental protection.

Indonesia stands ready to continue working closely with UNIDO towards achieving the SDGs in 2030 and beyond.

I thank you.