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Madame President,

Let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as the President of the 17th Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). I am confident that the Conference will have productive deliberations under your guidance and able leadership. I assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation.

Mongolia associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Thailand on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group and the statement made by the distinguished representative of Iran on behalf of the Group of G77 and China.

We congratulate Director-General Mr. Li Yong on his re-appointment. We wish the Director-General every success in his dedicated duties and assure him of our continued support.

Madame President,

As UNIDO enters its sixth decade, the Organization's mandate of eradicating poverty through the promotion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) has become ever more important in the broader development cooperation agenda.

The United Nations General Assembly entrusted UNIDO to lead with partner organizations the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). Also the HLPF, G20, BRICS called upon UNIDO for substantive inputs to their deliberations. These confirm the Organization's continued important role in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, including industry-related expertise.

Mongolia welcomes UNIDO's contribution to efforts of the Member States to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 9 on building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering innovation, through providing technical cooperation, policy analysis and advisory services in the field of trade capacity building, agri-business, job creation, energy efficiency and in safeguarding the environment.

Madame President,

With the aim of developing its industrial sector, Mongolia has been taking a host of measures.

The Parliament of Mongolia adopted the Law on Supporting Industrialization and Strategy on Industrialization in 2015, and Mongolia's Sustainable Development Vision 2030 in 2016. Sustainable development of the industrial sector based on advanced methods, technology and innovations, increased productivity and competitiveness have been identified as a key priority of our development policy.

Following the adoption of the Green Development Policy of Mongolia in 2014, the Action Plan for its implementation was approved by the Government of Mongolia in January 2016. The Action Plan envisages a reorientation of sectoral policies towards green growth, encompassing aspects of resource efficiency, sustainable financing, waste management and other areas integral to inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Mongolia supports UNIDO's cooperation with middle-income countries in achieving competitiveness and sustainability through the strengthening of industrial competitiveness and trade, fostering private sector and partnership development, and in increasing access to finance. We look forward to the fruitful partnership with UNIDO, under the Mongolia United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2017-2021, in ensuring economic diversification away from dependence on the mining and mineral processing sector to value adding productive sectors.

Madame President,

My delegation wishes to applaud the efforts of UNIDO and the Director General in enhancing efficiency and in mobilizing partnerships.

Despite the financial constraints of the Organization, with the decrease in the regular budget, voluntary contributions have been increasing up to 210.1 million dollars in 2016 and the delivery of technical cooperation activities rose by 33 percent over the past 5 years.

Promoting and enhancing partnerships and synergies with international organizations, financial institutions and all relevant stakeholders in policy making, planning and the implementation of projects have become a unique feature of UNIDO. The signing of an Agreement with the World Bank in 2016 to facilitate access of UNIDO expertise was a step forward.

Mongolia welcomes the pilot phase of UNIDO's Program for Country Partnerships (PCPs). We look forward to results of the mid-term review for the pilot PCPs and further active engagement.

Madame President,

The Organization's Technical Cooperation Program is a key to achieve our common agenda. On behalf of my Government, I wish to express our deep appreciation to UNIDO for its valuable and essential contribution to our development efforts.

Since joining UNIDO, Mongolia has been implementing numerous TC projects that have had concrete results. One of the best results of our fruitful partnership has been in the implementation of climate change and sustainable chemicals management projects. With the support of UNIDO, under its obligation to the Stockholm Convention, Mongolia was able to improve its legislative framework on PCBs, create an inventory, establish a testing laboratory, introduce decontamination mobile units and build the capacity of our over 1000 professionals in the management of PCBs.

We are confident that other projects that are in its implementation phase, including the UN Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), Support to employment creation in Mongolia (SECiM) will have valuable contribution to national industrial development. We hope to further deepen the partnership in all aspects of our industrialization policy, with particular focus on economic diversification, trade capacity building, green development, energy efficiency and development of agro-businesses.

Madame President,

In conclusion, I would like to once again assure of our full support and cooperation in achieving the utmost outcome during your presidency.

I thank you, Madame President.