



Statement of Mr. Taizo Nishikawa, Deputy to the Director General on behalf of the Director General Mr. LI Yong during the handover ceremony of the Group of 77 on Tuesday, 17 February 2015

Excellencies, Colleagues and Friends,

It is my great pleasure to be with you today on behalf of Director General LI Yong at the G-77 handover ceremony.

The Director General is currently out of the country and I will therefore speak on his behalf.

Allow me to congratulate you, Ambassador **Andereya Latorre**, on your election as the Chair of the Group for the year 2015.

I also wish to thank Ambassadors **Yparraguirre of the Philippines** and Ambassador **Azeez of Sri Lanka** for their commendable leadership as Chairpersons of the G-77 Vienna Chapter during 2014, and I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

The year 2014 was significant for the Group due to the **50th anniversary** of its establishment. I was honored to be part of your celebrations last June and could witness the good spirit and coherence of the Group.

Also, last June, the G-77 held an **Extraordinary Summit of Heads of States and Governments in Santa Cruz**, Bolivia to commemorate this "Golden Jubilee". As the main outcome of the Summit, the Group adopted the **Santa Cruz Declaration**, which welcomed the Lima Declaration as an important step in the common endeavours to achieve sustainable industrial development and the eradication of poverty.

In November 2014, Bolivia, in its capacity as Chair of the Group of 77, organized the **G-77 Meeting of Ministers of Industrialization and counterparts** of the Group of 77, in coordination with UNIDO, together with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. The meeting took place in **Tarija** and focused on the issue of "Governance of Natural Resources and Industrialization". Among other issues, this important event focused on the exchange of knowledge, in order to promote and increase productive capacities and the sharing of experiences on the governance of natural resources and industrialization among the nations of the South.

In November of last year, Director General LI Yong had the honor to address **the 7th United Nations Global South-South Development Expo in Washington DC**, highlighting UNIDO's role in South-South cooperation, and the renewed mandate in inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

UNIDO's collaboration with the Global South-South Development Expo and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation is long-standing. As a provider and promoter of Southern solutions, **UNIDO** has actively participated in every Expo since 2011.

Indeed, in **2012**, UNIDO hosted the 5th Global South-South Development Expo here in Vienna, on the subject of "Investing in Energy and Climate Change: Inclusive Partnerships for Sustainable Development".

If UNIDO, and other international organizations, are to meet the increasingly complex development challenges of the 21st century, it is clear that **South-South cooperation** will be a vital instrument in encouraging the required innovative solutions, and platforms such as the GSSD will grow ever more important.

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Inclusive and sustainable industrial development – **ISID** in short – will define UNIDO's future activities as UNIDO moves towards the post-2015 agenda.

ISID represents UNIDO's **concrete response to the Sustainable Development Goals**. Through the concept of ISID, UNIDO continues to promote industrialization as a driver of development. Industry increases productivity, creates jobs, generates income, and thereby contributes to poverty reduction.

However, **ISID goes a step further**. By integrating and balancing **all three core dimensions of sustainable development**: the economic, social and environmental dimensions, we can consider the impact of industrial development, not just on the economic growth, but also on the environment, on the communities and on the society at large. This has been recognized in the Outcome Document of the Open Working Group and its Goal 9 calling for the promotion of inclusive and sustainable industrialization.

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The **support and leadership** that UNIDO has received from **your Group** for our renewed mandate of ISID, are essential to our success in addressing these priorities. I would like to take this occasion to encourage you to continue to support UNIDO through the current year, 2015, which will be a very critical year for the international community. This will be the year in which we will adopt the new SDGs and it will also be a year of critical importance for the future of inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Consultations on the proposed medium-term programme framework 2016-2019 will start later this month.

Furthermore, this year will also be a very important year due to the discussions on our **programme and budgets for the biennium 2016-2017**, where UNIDO will need the support of all Member States. The Director General will brief all Member States on this issue next month and looks forward to welcoming you all at this briefing.

We need to reinforce two things. **One is cost-savings**: it is important for any organization to become **efficient and effective**. The second is to explore channels for **mobilizing more**

resources. I honestly hope that a **consensus** will emerge that will allow our Organization to fulfil its strong mandate, recognized by all of you in Lima and reconfirmed during the last IDB, and which is now a stand-alone goal of the new post-2015 development agenda.

I wish to express my gratitude for the **Group's continuous support** and cooperation with UNIDO and the promotion of ISID.

Finally, I would like to reassure the Group of UNIDO's full commitment to facilitate the work of the G-77 in Vienna and to collaborate with you to achieve our ultimate objective: inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Thank you very much for your attention and I wish you a fruitful and successful year!