



VIENNA CHAPTER

STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA DURING THE SIXTH LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' (LDC) MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR ARMIN ANDEREYA, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHILE VIENNA 26-27 NOVEMBER 2015

Mr. Chair, Honourable Minister (Mr. Ahmed Abtew, Minister of Industry of Ethiopia)

Mr. Director General LI Yong,

Excellences, Distinguished participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Group highly appreciates UNIDO's initiative on organising this 6th LDC Ministerial Conference which is being held this year in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Group commends UNIDO, as its one of the first agencies that integrates the Istanbul Programme of Action for the LDCs into its agenda, and while recognising their unique development challenges and needs, UNIDO has further given special attention to the least developed countries as outlined in the Lima Declaration.

The Group reiterates its call for the implementation of the UNIDO LDC Operational Strategy 2012-2020, including the mobilization of adequate financial resources. The group would also like to underline the critical need for realizing expeditiously the renewed and strengthened global partnership for LDCs in order to overcome their structural challenges, eradicate poverty and achieve the agenda for sustainable development, hence enable half the number of LDCs to meet the criteria for graduation from the category by 2020.

In this context the Group would like to appeal to the international community to contribute towards the comprehensive and timely implementation of this Strategy and while recognizing that the North- South cooperation remains the core of global development partnership, the Group encourages UNIDO also to strengthen its ongoing initiatives on South-South, triangular cooperation, in order to ensure efficient use of resources when implementing the UNIDO LDC Operational Strategy 2012-2020.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.