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Madam President,

At the outset, let me congratulate you on your election, as the President of the 46th session of Industrial Development Board of UNIDO, and wish you all successes in presiding over our deliberations in this session. My delegation fully trust on your leadership and is ready to cooperate with you constructively during this session.

I would also like to express our appreciation for outgoing President, Her Excellency Ms. Franceshi Navarro, former Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Panama and members of the Bureau for their outstanding work during the previous session.

I would also like to take the opportunity to express my deepest condolences and sorrow on the demise of H.E. Ms. Christine Stix-Hackl, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Austria.

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by Representative of Ecuador on behalf of Group of 77 and China and also by Ambassador and Permanent Representative of China on behalf of Asia and Pacific Group, and would like to add following points on its national capacity:

The Islamic Republic of Iran welcomes the State of Palestine as the new member of UNIDO and render its cooperation to Palestine to be integrated in UNIDO and make benefits of its membership.

The Islamic republic of Iran takes note of the Annual report of the Director General of the UNIDO for 2017, contained in document IDB.46/2, highlighting initiatives, activities, and major programs planned and implemented by the UNIDO in 2017.

The Islamic Republic of Iran believes that UNIDO is the central international specialized agency on sustainable industrial development issues. In this regard, we express our contentment on the efforts taken by UNIDO to promote Inclusive and sustainable Industrial Development (ISID), and to strengthen partnerships, technical assistance, cooperation and knowledge sharing among member states and relevant stakeholders, as well as relentless exertions to incessantly endorse and facilitate increasing South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation.

Madam President,

We welcome the imperative role and contribution of UNIDO in promoting high developments themes worldwide, such as Global Manufacturing and Industrialization, Climate Change and environmental issues, Green industries, Global Clean Tech Innovation Programme. In this context, we express our gratitude for convening high-level conferences in those subjects including Vienna Energy Forum, Green Industries Conference, First Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit and Least Developed Countries Ministerial Conference.

With regard to the emerging and evolutionary concepts of modern industrial revolution, such as circular economy, industry 4.0, green industries, energy efficiency, and the management and financing of clean technologies, my delegation would like to request the Director General and the Secretariat to arrange complementary meetings based on in-depth studies.

Madam President,

Taking note of the progress took place in implementation of the Programme Country Partnerships (PCPs) and looking forward to have the mid-term review for this projects, we kindly request international donors and stakeholders to support this pilot projects in the host countries. In this connection, we would like to request the Director General to expand this Programme to other countries and regional groups.

The Islamic republic of Iran fully supports the goals envisaged for the third decade of sustainable and industrial development of African countries and expresses its appreciation for the activities done by UNIDO in the field of technical assistances to aid the least developed countries.

We thank the UNIDO for implementing joint projects in Iran in different areas, based on the signed agreement for the period 2017-2021, as reflected in the Report, including in clean energy and industrial energy efficiency, which is contributing to the Government's long-term energy-efficiency strategy. Taking into

account the very high-level expertise, infrastructures and potentials existing in my country in different areas, the Islamic Republic of Iran is determined and has already expressed its readiness to expand its cooperation with UNIDO in all feasible areas of collaboration. The main target of government is to maximize the use of new technologies for industrial development and to help small and medium-sized enterprises in different industries to better communicate and engage more with international companies and organizations.

In this vein, there are numerous economic opportunities and capacities in Iran, which can be utilized by different countries with facilitation by UNIDO. To reach that end, my delegation would like to put forward the following observations:

1. There is a need to review and assess the projects identified in the 5-year UNIDO country program document in Iran in terms of budget and support of UNIDO as to enable it to fully operationalize them.
2. There is a necessity for providing sufficient budget needed to continue the energy efficiency project that has been piloted through the GEF Global Fund and has achieved the desired results in five energy industries. Implementing this project in other industries of the country, can have a huge impact on reducing energy consumption and reducing carbon emissions and environmental pollutants.

3. Sufficient financial support of UNIDO in implementation of Sustainable Development Project for Rock Industries in Iran is paramount.
4. We need the assistance of UNIDO in setting up a South - South Industrial Cooperation Center in Iran through networking of financial assistance centers.

I thank you Madam President