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**STATEMENT OF UNIDO AT THE ASIA PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
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Excellencies

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO, I would like to thank the Government of Thailand and UNSCAP for the opportunity to be here.

As you may know, during the Fifteenth Session of the General Conference in Lima, Peru, last November, the Member States of UNIDO adopted the Lima Declaration and gave a fresh mandate to UNIDO to support the global community as it strives towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID).

The Lima Declaration states very clearly that poverty eradication remains the central imperative, and that it can only be achieved through strong, inclusive, sustainable and resilient industrial and economic growth, as well as the effective integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

In other words, to eradicate poverty, to improve the life of the poor and share prosperity with all those that have so far been excluded from a dignified human existence, we have to grow our industries – in an inclusive and sustainable manner.

To put it in the words of HE Secretary General Ban Ki-moon: "We will not eradicate poverty without the industries that promote growth and jobs, innovation and technology transfer."

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UNIDO believes that accelerating industrial development is the key for achieving higher levels of prosperity for all. ISID therefore needs to be at the core of any successful development path.

Since the first industrial revolution, the same experience has repeated itself around the world – over and over again. The countries that developed their industrial sectors were the ones that achieved prosperity for their people.

Whether we look at the early advances on the European continent and the United States, or the subsequent modernization of Japan, or indeed at the countries that experienced rapid growth in the latter half of the 20th century, including the Republic of Korea, the many other Asian 'tigers' and 'dragons', and also China, the drivers remained the same – it was industrial development, trade and innovation that shaped their successes.

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As we all know, the consultations on the Post-2015 development agenda are guided by the consensus that the future SDGs should be action-oriented, concise and easy to communicate, aspirational, and universally applicable to all countries. They should also take the different national realities, capacities and levels of development into account. Furthermore, the goals should address and incorporate in a balanced and holistic way the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and their inter-linkages.

UNIDO therefore submits that we need to have a global goal that is based on inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

For centuries, industrial development has proven its case as an effective poverty reduction strategy. UNIDO believes that ISID is a critical sustainable development

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strategy for achieving lasting results for economic, social and environmental well-being. We also believe that industry has important linkages with other goals that the international community is seeking to promote – with social equality through employment and income generation, not least for women and youth; with food security through post-harvest processing and agro-industries; with health through the manufacture of pharmaceuticals and vaccines, to name a few such linkages.

Our mandate – ISID – is as relevant to all countries as ever. And it has even gained considerable relevance over the past years. After the financial crisis, Member States have realized that industry is a key component for making economies more resilient to shocks and rapid changes in the economic environment.

Both the so-called developed and the developing countries have recognized the structural problems that are hindering their recovery, and fear the consequences of de-industrialization.

UNIDO is now aligning its services to ISID so as to meet the diverse needs of its Member States, aiming to make an important contribution to the world's industrial future and to the prosperity of our people. It stands ready to support you to make a real difference: For lifting and keeping people out of poverty, and for reducing environmental degradation.

Thank you for your attention.