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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 5 December 2018 and to send you herewith, in my capacity as President of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO, the inputs of the Board to the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development 2019.

The Member States of UNIDO consulted extensively on this submission and the Enlarged Bureau of the Board considered the attached text and provided its guidance, highlighting the following points of special importance.

Inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) is a vehicle for poverty reduction through the generation of income-earning opportunities for the poor. Manufacturing jobs provide greater opportunities for skills upgrading and offer higher employment security and benefits, particularly for women and young people. Hence they play an important role in achieving SDG targets on quality technical vocational education (SDG 4), economic productivity and decent work (SDG 8) and the reduction of inequalities (SDG 10). Industry is also a key generator of viable solutions to global development challenges. We believe that these solutions, when adapted, scaled up and deployed, will help ensure the global achievement of the SDGs.

The urgency to do so take into account that industry contributes to roughly a third of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It is therefore crucial that industries are made more climate-resilient, if the economic and social benefits of industrialization are to be sustained and expanded. With the SDGs being achieved during the Fourth Industrial Revolution era of rapid technological growth, and with industries being the driver of climate change solutions, there is an opportunity for bending the global GHG emission curve through significant emission reductions from industries. The use of appropriate technologies to prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system will also help increase livelihoods and create green jobs.

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The input of the Industrial Development Board to this year's HLPF has been designed with a focus on SDGs 4, 8, 10 and 13 through an ISID-perspective. It draws on the expertise and wealth of experience of the Board's member countries, acquired through international organizations such as UNIDO.

The inputs show that ISID provides a tremendous opportunity for ensuring that no one is left behind, thanks to the ongoing shift of global manufacturing and the move from centralized mass production gradually replaced by decentralized manufacturing, as a result of the effects of the technology arising from the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

We hope that it will contribute constructively to the synthesis report presented to the HLPF and its forthcoming deliberations, and look forward to seeing our points reflected.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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