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ALIDE Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions

JOINT DECLARATION

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WHEREAS, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as a specialized agency of the United Nations, has the primary responsibility in promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition;

WHEREAS the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE), as an international organization that represents Latin American and Caribbean development banking institutions, fosters the unity and strengthening of its members, their joint action and coordinated participation in the region, and aims to finance and promote the sustainable development of the various productive sectors in the Latin American countries;

WHEREAS a partnership to mobilize the knowledge, expertise, technologies, and financial resources would promote the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 9, and would advance the sustainable industrial development and the improvement of the competitiveness of Latin American and Caribbean countries in the context of a globalized economy and of the role of the development finance institutions in the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretary General of ALIDE DECLARE:

1. Their intention, subject to the availability of staff and financial resources, to enhance cooperation between UNIDO and ALIDE with the common aim of alleviating poverty and promoting sustainable development and growth, with a particular focus on resilient, inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation, as well as the role of national development banks, in line with both ALIDE's priorities and UNIDO's mandate and objectives.

2. Their intention to discuss and negotiate approaches aimed at promoting cooperation at the operational level between UNIDO and ALIDE. Whenever desirable, UNIDO and ALIDE may seek each other's cooperation with a view to promoting the development of specific activities in the fields of common interest consistent with this Joint Declaration.

3. Their intention to promote cooperation between UNIDO and ALIDE in the framework of SDG 9, the role of development finance institutions and in in the following thematic areas:

- Dissemination of good practices and lessons learned in the area of industrial development and private sector development, and undertaking of joint convening and advocacy activities, through UNIDO and ALIDE networks, particularly through the SDG 9 Accelerator Platform available at www.ods9.org, as well as joint global forum activities, developing systems for the exchange of technological, industrial, and financial information;
- Development and support of projects, business and strategic alliances for the micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) sector's development and for the incorporation of technologies and innovation in SMEs in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- Promotion of environmentally friendly technologies and practices and of inclusive and environmentally friendly industries;
- Formulation, elaboration and evaluation of private and social investment projects and promotion of joint projects and investment initiatives in the manufacturing and export sectors;
- Promotion of innovative ventures particularly focused on generating opportunities for young people and women
- Productive transformation and financing mechanisms to develop and identify industrial sectors with the potential to compete in the so-called 4.0 economy.
- Any additional areas that may subsequently be regarded as mutually beneficial by UNIDO and ALIDE.

The areas of cooperation include studies and research, training, dissemination and exchange of information, consultancy, technical meetings, and other activities that the parties agree.

4. Their desire to expand the joint areas of cooperation into the following thematic areas, amongst others:

i. Industrial productivity;
ii. Support to SMEs;
iii. Clean energy and climate change action;
iv. Sustainable infrastructure;
v. Digitalization and fourth industrial revolution;
vi. Empowerment of women and youth;
vii. Development of agro-industries.

5. Their intention, subject to such restrictions and arrangements as may be considered necessary to preserve confidentiality, to promote knowledge sharing, facilitate joint activities, and exchange

information and documents concerning matters of common interest, consistent with the two Organizations' respective internal regulations, rules and practices. For this end, each organization will designate one focal point and one alternate for liaison and coordination.

6. Their understanding that, whenever it is jointly determined to develop specific activities in fields of common interest that require the commitment of financial or other resources, the specific arrangements and working modalities will be detailed in separate written agreements between UNIDO and ALIDE. Such individual agreements will be concluded in accordance with the two organizations' respective regulations and rules and will set out detailed and specific technical and financial conditions, as well as conditions relating to each organization's role, responsibilities, and liability.

The signatories acknowledge that the present Joint Declaration is a non-binding document and does not give rise to any fiduciary, legal, or financial obligations or commitments. Any activities that may be conducted under this Joint Declaration are subject to and contingent upon the availability of sufficient staff, funds, and other resources and may require the prior execution of one or more legally binding instruments, which shall be separately negotiated and agreed to by the signatories.

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Place: Vienna

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Secretary General

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