



Embassy & Permanent Mission of Afghanistan - Vienna

PressRelease

Afghanistan's Minister of Commerce and Industries visits UNIDO

Vienna, 23 November 2016

This week, H.E. Humayoon Rasaw, Minister of Commerce and Industries of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan visited Vienna to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the 44th Session of UNIDO's Industrial Development Board (IDB).

H.E. Minister Rasaw made a statement in the high-level segment of the IDB, providing an overview of the Afghanistan National Peace and Development Framework (ANPDF) and the National Priority Programs (NPPs) and highlighting the efforts and achievements made in the industrial development in Afghanistan in areas such as policy development, legislation and institution building. H.E. Minister Rasaw also stressed the importance of Afghanistan's membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO)—Afghanistan acceded to the WTO in July this year—in further facilitating trade and business in Afghanistan and between Afghanistan and the rest of the world. “The National Unity Government is committed towards transforming Afghanistan from a consuming economy to a self-reliant economy...and we will continue our efforts to further improve the legal, institutional and policy frameworks required for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) as an important element in this context,” stated H.E. Minister Rasaw.

During this visit, H.E. Minister Rasaw and the Director General of UNIDO, H.E. Li Yong signed a new Country Programming Framework (CP) for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development for Afghanistan, for the time frame 2017 to 2020. The CP was created to strengthen UNIDO's support to Afghanistan towards ISID as stated in the 2013 Lima Declaration. The CP is aligned with the ANPDF and relevant NPPs.

H.E. Minister Rasaw was accompanied by two officials from the Embassy and Permanent Mission of Afghanistan in Vienna, Mr. Hassan Soroosh, Chargé d'Affaires and Mr. Ahmad Zakir Qarar, Third Secretary.

E N D