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**Statement of Pakistan for the  
48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO  
(23-25 November 2020, Vienna)**

**(Agenda Item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2019)**

Mr. President, (H.E. Mr. Darmansjah DJUMALA, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Indonesia)

Distinguished Board Members,  
Director General Li Yong,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to congratulate you, Mr. President, and other members of the Bureau on your election. You have our full support to steer this IDB meeting to a successful conclusion.

Let me also convey our gratitude to the outgoing Chair (His Excellency Senén Florensa Palau of Spain) and the Bureau members for their outstanding work.

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement of G77 and China.

**Mr. President,**

We thank the Director General for the Annual Report for 2019 which provides an overview of the activities and achievements of UNIDO and the challenges faced by the organization during the past year.

We would like to mention that Pakistan has always been paying its assessed contribution in time, despite financial challenges at times in our country. We would also like to encourage the Member States for timely payment of their assessed contributions which are necessary for maintaining a stable financial outlook for UNIDO.

Pakistan would like to congratulate UNIDO for its recent accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) which is the world's largest dedicated fund helping developing countries reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and enhance their ability to respond to climate change. We believe that with this accreditation, UNIDO would be able to access funding for its projects and scale up its impact when collaborating with developing countries in meeting their climate change

goals, assisting vulnerable communities to increase their resilience to climate change, and advancing the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Mr. President,**

We acknowledge UNIDO's technical assistance and capacity-building initiatives both in the public and private sector in Pakistan. UNIDO has been actively working in Pakistan to improve the country's trade capacity, access to renewable energy, environmental protection and industrial development.

So far, UNIDO has implemented over 50 projects in various areas in Pakistan for providing clean and sustainable energy, empowering women and youth and ensuring food safety through horticulture and fisheries development. UNIDO has assisted Pakistan for increasing competitiveness of our industry through testing, monitoring, standardization and certification for conformity assessment.

**Mr. President,**

With the assistance of UNIDO, we have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions. UNIDO has also helped Pakistan in development of Industrial Clusters and their further integration into global value chains. Similarly, Small and Medium Enterprises' (SME) have been supported by UNIDO along with Agro-Food Development for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Pakistan.

Pakistan also appreciates UNIDO's support for development of the Country Programme and its implementation for enhancing the competitiveness of industrial enterprises through technology-oriented initiatives and increasing productivity and quality by fostering innovation, energy efficiency and environmental sustainability of industrial production.

We are looking forward to enhance our cooperation with UNIDO for further promotion of Biomass Gasification Technology (BGT) for power generation and establishment of Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) and Industrial Intelligence and Governance Unit in Pakistan.

I thank you Mr. President.

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