



G-77 and China Statement during the UNIDO IDB 48th session, 23-25 November 2020, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Maria Cleofe Natividad, Permanent Representative of the Philippines

Mr. President, [H.E. Mr. Darmansjah DJUMALA, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Indonesia]

1. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of the IDB and other members for their elections to the bureau of this session. The Group is confident that you will steer the IDB with great skills and that this session will come to a successful and fruitful conclusion.
2. I would like to thank, as well, the former President of the 47th session, His Excellency Senén Florensa Palau of Spain, for his leadership during the previous session, and the members of his bureau for their outstanding work in continuing to move the process forward successfully.
3. The Group has listened with great interest to the statement of Mr. LI Yong, Director General of UNIDO and in this regard appreciates his efforts in leading this Organization. The Group would also like to thank the Secretariat for organizing this session.

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

Mr. President,

1. The Group welcomes the Director General's Annual Report for 2019, which provides an overview of UNIDO's activities, achievements, as well as improvements made and challenges faced by the Organization during the past year.
2. The Group reaffirms high importance it attaches to all initiatives, activities, and programmes implemented or planned by the Organization during 2019, among them, the successful conclusion of the 18th General Conference and the adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration. We encourage the Director General and the Secretariat to continue moving forward to a full implementation of the Organization's mandate, thereby advancing progress of developing countries and economies in transition on the path towards economic and social prosperity. Technical assistance and capacity-building programmes are essential tools in achieving such goals in this regard.
3. The Group welcomes the remarkable increase in funding from external sources that the Organization secured for its projects and programmes in 2019, amounting to 586.6 million USD. This unprecedented amount reflects UNIDO's relevance as a key player among global development organizations.
4. The Group takes note with great interest the progress of the Programme for Country Partnerships (PCPs) currently being implemented in ten selected countries, all being members of the Group. We look forward to the expansion of the PCP to other members of the Group, upon their requests.
5. Finally, the Group welcomes the significant progress in the implementation of the Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF) for 2018-2021 and the Organization's continued efforts to promote transparency and accountability of its work by applying the integrated results and performance framework (IRPF) in the preparation of this report.

I thank you, Mr. President.