

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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Thank you Mr. President,

I congratulate you for your assumption of the Chairmanship of the 48th Session of the IDB and the members of the Bureau for their election.

I also thank the Director General for his comprehensive and informative introductory statement.

Mr. President,

Turkey commends the work of the UNIDO, particularly in these difficult pandemic days, through country-based and tailored endeavors. We support UNIDO's activities in promoting industrial development, which is a key element in inclusive and sustainable economic growth, decent work and productive employment. These are essential for eradicating poverty.

Turkish institutions support several UNIDO projects. We also provide voluntary contributions. Turkey organized and financed many technical projects, seminars and vocational projects in recent years. On the other hand, the total budget of the projects finalized in the last five years in Turkey reached 14.9 Million USD. The total budget of the ongoing projects is approximately 21.5 Million USD. "UNIDO Center for Regional Cooperation in Turkey" continues to carry out its activities since 2000. We are committed to pursue and further strengthen our collaboration with UNIDO.

Moreover, we welcome the efforts made by the Secretariat towards better utilization of the regular budget by means of implementing Results-based Budgeting principles and facilitating Full Cost Recovery in coming months.

Mr. President,

We believe that providing UNIDO with necessary resources is key for the success of the organization. With this understanding, Turkey paid its assessed contribution to the regular budget of 2020 in full.

Once again, I underline Turkey's commitment to work closely with UNIDO and its members for the accomplishment of its mandate.

Thank you Mr. President.