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**Statement**

By

**The Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran  
before**

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*In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful*

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**Mr. President**

My delegation associates itself with the statement of G77 and China, delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of the Philippines and wishes to add some additional comments at its national capacity as follow:

We acknowledge and commend the hard work of the Director General and the Secretariat in approaching former Member States to clear their respective outstanding assessed contributions and encourage them to maintain their efforts in order to secure the resources to upgrade the financial situation of the Organization.

We request the Secretariat to inform Member States on measures that have been taken to collect outstanding arrears. It's worth mentioning that withdrawal of a member state from the international organizations does not constitute any legitimate right for not paying its arrears.

We appreciate and welcome the work undertaken by the Informal Working Group (IWG) on Programme and Budget Committee as well as professorial and efficient manner of its Co-Chairs in leading discussions held during the past year. Indeed, the IWG serves as a good platform for both Secretariat and Member States to discuss and explore possible recommendations on the important issues which are relevant to or affect the work of the PBC of UNIDO. We encourage the Co-Chairs of the IWG to continue

supporting dialogue and to organize consultations between the Secretariat and Member States.

We also strongly condemn and share our deep concern over the negative impact of politically motivated, illegal and illegitimate unilateral economic and financial coercive measures and sanctions imposed by the US against several members of UNIDO which are in vivid contradiction to the UN Charter and International law and have destructively affected payment of assessed contributions and the efficient work of the UNIDO in accomplishment of its mandate within those countries in the context of funding and money transferring of the Technical Cooperation projects.

In this connection, we are of the view that paragraph 26 of the final declaration of the 18th General Conference of the UNIDO is a corner stone in this regard and should be seriously taken into consideration by Member States and by the Organization in all aspects of the UNIDO's functions.

Finally, we appreciate the Secretariat for continuing presenting initiatives with the aim to advance the Organization's financial situation and to prioritizing and identifying efficiencies; nonetheless, we maintain that these measures and the following savings should not hamper sustaining synergies between different key bodies of the organization, while safeguarding effective and efficient realization of technical cooperation programmes.

**I thank you Mr. President**