

**Statement of Pakistan for the
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Agenda Item 7: UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Mr. President,

Pakistan appreciates UNIDO for its active contribution towards the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, especially the Goal 9 on Industry Innovation and Infrastructure. UNIDO's contribution and participation in various activities in 2019, such as the SDG Summit and the Climate Action Summit are commendable.

We are also pleased to note that UNIDO's role in the promotion of low-emission climate-resilient practices in industrial sector has been included in the in-depth review of SDG13 (Climate action) implementation at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF).

Pakistan values the release of the Industrial Development Report 2020 and UNIDO's other contributions for inclusive and sustainable development through technical assistance and facilitation in arrangement of funds for various projects in the developing countries.

Mr. President,

Pakistan has prioritized the Sustainable Development Goals which will enable us to join the league of upper middle-class countries by 2030. The seven pillars of Vision-2025 of Pakistan are fully aligned with the SDGs, providing a comprehensive long-term strategy for achieving inclusive growth and sustainable development. To be sustainable, Pakistan recognizes that the three core dimensions of development i.e. social, economic and environmental must be connected.

UNIDO is helping Pakistan for inclusive and sustainable industrial development for achievement of the SDGs, especially, the Goal 9 on "Industry Innovation and Infrastructure". Its various projects in industrial sector have helped Pakistan for provision of clean and sustainable energy, employment for women and youth and food safety through agriculture and fisheries development. UNIDO's assistance for increasing competitiveness of our industry has led to human resource development, poverty alleviation and improvement in the living standard of the people of Pakistan.

Mr. President,

UNIDO is assisting for promotion of digital transformation and building strong innovation ecosystems in Pakistan. For investment and technological promotion, UNIDO is connecting different partners at corporate, institutional and political level. Through its analysis, UNIDO is providing evidence-based support to industry for structural transformation to Fourth Industrial Revolution.

The ongoing projects of Cluster Development Initiative, Agri-Food, Agribusiness and Agro-Industry Development and Sustainable Energy Initiative for Industries in Pakistan are remarkable to create an enabling environment for enhancing productivity of industries through up-gradation of technology and economic uplift of the people of Pakistan. Similarly, UNIDO's support for Small and Medium Enterprises' (SME), the backbone of our economy, has played pivotal role for inclusive and sustainable industrial development and achievement of SDG 9 in Pakistan.

Thank you, Mr. President.
