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Statement by HE Ambassador Mohamed El Molla, Permanent Representative of Egypt

Agenda Item 9: Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Mr. President,

1. First let me congratulate Your Excellency Ambassador DJUMALA, Permanent Representative of Indonesia, for chairing this session of the IDB and allow me to assure you that Egypt will exert its utmost effort to support your excellency, the bureau and the board to guarantee the success of this session and its outcomes.

2. Egypt would like to align itself with the statements of the Group of 77 & China, as well as the African Group, especially in terms of the vital importance of implementing the IDDA III Roadmap with the utmost urgency, and in expediting the assignment of the Secretariat staff that will be mandated to implement and follow up the various strategies and policies related to IDDA III.

3. In this respect, Egypt is appreciative of the understanding of the secretariat of UNIDO regarding the urgency of assigning the secretariat of IDDA III, as highlighted during the meetings that took place earlier this month with the African Group and on the bilateral level. Subsequently, our delegation is looking forward to getting acquainted with the concrete plans of establishing this secretariat in the nearest time possible.

3. Moreover, Egypt is looking forward to cooperating with the secretariat of UNIDO to integrate the proposals it presented last June “to deal with the ramifications of the spread of COVID-19 in Africa” in the plans related to the implementation of IDDA III and in UNIDO’s plans of dealing with the consequences of COVID-19; and would like further to reiterate its commitment to present its utmost support in the upcoming stage in order to assist UNIDO’s efforts in transitioning to the recovery stage following the drastic impact of COVID-19 on the African Industrial sectors.

5. Finally, I would like to express Egypt’s appreciation for the support offered by the various donors, in collaboration with UNIDO, to implement the different components of IDDA III. Furthermore, our delegation would like to encourage the secretariat of UNIDO to double its efforts to provide more resources for the African countries during the critical upcoming period which will witness the continued efforts to contain the impact of the spread of COVID-19, the dissemination of the newly discovered vaccines and the recovery of the industrial sectors across the African continent.

Thank you, Mr. President.