



Agenda Item 7: UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Mr. President,

1. The Group of 77 and China notes with appreciation the sustained efforts of the Director General to maintain the relevant and leading role of UNIDO in the pursuit of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly under Goal 9 on Industry Innovation and Infrastructure.
2. The Group welcomes initiatives, including normative work through the release of the Industrial Development Report 2020 and other insightful publications, fund sourcing through partnerships with international financial institutions and multilateral funds such as the World Bank, African Development Bank, Global Environment Facility, and the Green Climate Fund, and collaborative actions through engagements with the UN and other international organizations and institutions, as well as the participation in the High Level Political Forum, which contribute to the strengthening of the Organization's mandate of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development as laid out in the Lima Declaration and emphasized under the Abu Dhabi Declaration of 2019.
3. The Group also appreciates the continued focus on Programme for Country Partnerships (PCPs) and Country Programmes (CPs) and urges the Organization to build upon and expand these programmes in order to maximize its ability to achieve developmental impact in countries that need them, and which the Group believes are crucial in driving economic development, employment and social stability in line with the vision of Goal 9.

Thank you, Mr. President.