

48th Session of Industrial Development Board of UNIDO
Statement on Agenda Item No 7:
UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
[Delivered by Ms Sampa Saha]
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Thank you Mr President,

Earlier today, Pakistan made a blatant attempt to make political capital out of the COVID-19 pandemic with patently false statements regarding the Indian territory of Jammu and Kashmir. This is reprehensible and we will not dignify such falsehoods with a response.

2. On this agenda item, we associate ourselves with the statement made by the Philippines on behalf of the Group of 77 and China under this Agenda item and would like to add the following points.

Mr President,

3. There are a number of interlinked Goals in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To achieve Goal 9 of SDGs, it is essential to coordinate with activities undertaken in achieving other inter-linked goals as also to coordinate with other UN organizations working towards these goals. This will ensure greater synergy in our efforts.

4. We feel that there is a need for a systematic approach for adoption of new green technologies for industry and framing of policies for standardized waste management. A specific action plan promoting integration of informal sector into the formal sectors should also be an integral part to such adoption, considering the salience of the informal sector in the most developing countries.

5. We encourage UNIDO to consider creation of a platform such as a digital library for sharing, by and among Member States, the best practices towards sustainable industrial development, adoption of new technologies, enumerating success stories and lessons learnt.

I thank you, Mr. President.