



**G-77 and China Statement during the UNIDO IDB 49<sup>th</sup> session, 12-15 July 2021,  
delivered by H.E. Ambassador Alejandro Solano Ortiz,  
Permanent Representative of Costa Rica**

**Agenda item 10: Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)**

Madam President,

1. The Group of 77 and China would like to express its appreciation for the Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) and it would like also to reconfirm to the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretariat their full support for their efforts leading to the achievement of the inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Madame President,

2. The Group believes that UNIDO, under the immense crisis the world is facing, should continue to intensify and expand its cooperation efforts with the African countries to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the inclusive and sustainable industrial development, and to assist in providing the African countries that have the capabilities to produce the vaccines, to do so with sufficient quantities and low costs, in order to cover the local obligations and provide vaccines to their fellow African countries to fulfil their demand in the shortest time possible. This endeavor will enable the African countries to achieve the necessary scales of immunity and prevent the collapse of their economies.

3. Additionally, to achieve this goal, UNIDO needs to work closely with the countries that have developed the vaccines, as well as the African Union and the regional and subregional organizations, and with the International Financial Institutions, to overcome any hurdles against reaching this goal.

4. Furthermore, The Group believes that in parallel with the above efforts, it is necessary to keep working on expanding the Programme for Country Partnership (PCPs) and Country Programs (CPs) in Africa, as well as the development of the national African strategies for implementing the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFT), which will expand the opportunities for achieving a wider scale of inclusive and sustainable industrial development, as well as higher levels of inter-regional trade and a deepened pan-African collaboration.

5. Finally, the Group would like to reiterate its appreciation for the Secretariat's efforts to finalize the structure of the IDDA III Secretariat, noting that it expects that the steps taken during the recent months to assign the staff of the Secretariat will be accomplished completely by the end of August 2021, so that it can achieve the targets assigned to it in the nearest time possible.

Thank you, Madam President.

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