

**Bangladesh statement at the IDB 49**

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**Agenda Item 7: UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

**Thank you, Madam President, [H.E. Madam Dominika Krois, Permanent Representative of Poland]**

At the outset, let me congratulate you on your election as the President of the 49<sup>th</sup> session of the IDB. I am confident that under your able leadership and your commitment to multilateralism, this IDB session would be very productive and successful. My delegation extends its full support to you in discharging your important responsibilities.

I express my sincere thanks to the outgoing chair Ambassador Djumala for his excellent leadership of the IDB.

Mr. <sup>vice</sup> ~~Madam~~ President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Costa Rica on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. I wish to make the following statement in my national capacity.

Bangladesh commends the work of UNIDO guided by its framework "*Responding to the Crisis: building a better future*" to support its member states through three integrated packages - "Prepare and contain", "Respond and adapt" & "Recover and transform".

We also appreciate UNIDO's effort in launching of the COVID-19 Industrial Recovery Programme (CIRP), capacity building of MSMEs and guiding them on business continuity and recovery, sharing of knowledge through online training and webinars and medical waste management and disposal of hazardous medical waste.

Mr. <sup>vice</sup> ~~Madam~~ President,

The COVID-19 pandemic has struck the world economy with the biggest shock since the second world war. As many countries are facing 3<sup>rd</sup> or even 4<sup>th</sup> waves of the disease, it is alarmingly becoming evident that the global crisis may last longer in varied nature. We need to vaccinate each and every eligible person of this world to thwart the pandemic. We must ensure universal, equitable, timely and affordable access to quality vaccines for all.

The pandemic has severely jeopardized the achievements of the SDGs including the expected outcomes of the industrial development. Therefore, inclusive and sustainable industrial development has appeared to be more important than ever before for economic recovery, and to build a more inclusive, sustainable and resilient future for all.

The collective political commitment of Member States will be crucial to put the world firmly on the way to growth and recovery. Bangladesh emphasizes the need for increased international cooperation and solidarity to fight this pandemic. We would need UNIDO focus more on a recovery process that is robust enough to withstand pandemics and tackle global challenges like climate change.

I thank you all. Thank you.