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Madam President,

Climate change and environmental degradation pose exponential threats to the socio-economic development of the world. Solving these problems will require effective multilateral engagement and international cooperation with the rules based international order at its core.

Bangladesh delegation appreciates UNIDO's cooperation with the Member States to promote environmental sustainability, climate resilience, energy efficiency and waste management. We commend UNIDO for initiating a project on sustainable plastic use and marine litter prevention in Bangladesh.

We also appreciate UNIDO for partnering with the Member States on promoting circular economy. Principal Coordinator for SDG Affairs of Bangladesh participated in the Global Consultation on circular economy and shared our vision on circular economy and environmental sustainability. We are thankful to Austria and Costa Rica for their proactive leadership in this process.

Madam President,

Bangladesh believes that the member states needs further support in achieving the targets of SDGs relating to the environment, climate change and sustainable energy, through inclusive and sustainable industrial development approaches and in line with the green recovery efforts.

The insufficient access to adequate finance and technologies are the major constraints to the transition to a circular economy and green transitions in developing countries. We encourage UNIDO to strengthen its partnership with other UN Agencies and international organizations to facilitate financing and technology transfer to the member states.

We congratulate UNIDO for becoming an accredited entity of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). We believe this will allow UNIDO to scale up its collaboration with the member states in meeting their climate change goals, decarbonization of industries, and promoting green transition as well as in realizing funds from the GCF.

Madam President,

We also encourage UNIDO to expand its endeavors to support member states in generating inclusive growth, contributing to green recovery and fulfilling the commitments under the Paris Agreement. Supporting the member states and industries to adopt energy efficient manufacturing technologies and innovations will be equally important.

Bangladesh will continue its collaboration with UNIDO in implementing our vision to ensure a sustainable, inclusive and resilient future for our next generations.

Thank you Madam President.