

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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Thank you Madame President,

I thank the Director General for his comprehensive and informative introductory statement. I also thank the Secretariat for all their efforts.

Madame President,

I have three points to share:

First, my delegation expresses its appreciation to Director General for presenting the revised budget proposal with zero real growth for the upcoming biennium. We are pleased to see that it enjoyed consensus in the last PBC session.

We believe that providing UNIDO with necessary resources is key for the success of the organization. With this understanding, Turkey has recently paid, in full, its assessed contribution to the regular budget of 2021.

Second, Turkey has been closely cooperating with the Organization in various technical projects as well as seminars and vocational training programmes. Turkish institutions will continue to support UNIDO and provide with voluntary contributions.

UNIDO opened its office in Turkey in 1967. With its broadened mandate, “UNIDO Center for Regional Cooperation in Turkey” continues to carry out its activities

since 2000. Turkey supports the Center's activities in Turkey and encourages the Center to expand the coverage of its technical cooperation services towards the region as well.

In this context, Turkey has recently proposed UNIDO to extend the Agreement of UNIDO Regional Center for another five years. We are pleased to inform you that this process is in the final stage of ratification in Turkey.

Third and last, once again I underline Turkey's commitment to work closely with UNIDO and its members for the fulfillment of its mandate.

Thank you Madame President.