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**Statement of Pakistan for the  
49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO  
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**Agenda Item 8: UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

**Madam President,**

Pakistan takes note of the report of Director General about contributions of UNIDO to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We appreciate UNIDO for its active contribution towards the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, especially the Goal 9 on Industry Innovation and Infrastructure. UNIDO's contribution and participation in various activities in 2020 and 2021, such as high-level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF) 2021 are commendable.

We are also pleased to note UNIDO's efforts to build back better through inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) via a green recovery, the circular economy and digitalization.

Pakistan values UNIDO's support to developing countries in adopting principles and practices of a circular economy as a viable solution to accelerate the implementation of various SDGs.

To achieve 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Pakistan believes that smart investments in economic, societal and climate resilience, revitalization of global trade and addressing widening inequalities are direly needed.

**Madam President,**

Pakistan has prioritized the Sustainable Development Goals which will enable us to join the league of upper middle-class countries by 2030. The seven pillars of Vision-2025 of Pakistan are fully aligned with the SDGs, providing a comprehensive long-term strategy for achieving inclusive growth and sustainable development.

UNIDO is assisting Pakistan for achievement of the SDGs, especially, the Goal 9 on “Industry Innovation and Infrastructure”. Its various projects in industrial sector have helped Pakistan for provision of clean and sustainable energy, employment for women and youth and food safety through agriculture and fisheries development. UNIDO’s assistance for increasing competitiveness of our industry has led to human resource development, poverty alleviation and improvement in the living standard of the people of Pakistan.

**Madam President,**

The projects of UNIDO are remarkable to create an enabling environment for enhancing productivity of industries through up-gradation of technology and economic uplift of the people of Pakistan. Similarly, UNIDO’s support for Small and Medium Enterprises’ (SME), the backbone of our economy, has played pivotal role for inclusive and sustainable industrial development and achievement of SDG 9 in Pakistan.

Thank you, Madam President.