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Statement of Angola

by

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Thank you Chair for giving me the floor.

Excellencies, Ladies, and Gentlemen

It is with great pleasure that we are part of this important council, and as Angola representatives, it is a great privilege to participate today in this UNIDO 49th Industrial Development Board (IDB) meeting.

I would also like to extend on behalf of Angolan Government the most warm and fraternal compliments to all delegations here.

We are delighted to join distinguished Member States in reviewing UNIDO's annual achievement with its global mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in member states, which is in line with 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Excellences, Distinguished guests

Angola, as a Least Developed Country (and about to graduate to a Middle-Income Country), has been undertaking a broad program of economic reforms, with a view to promoting the prosperity of its people and increasing regional, continental and global integration.

The main presuppositions of the reforms in progress are, among others, the strengthening of the production of agricultural goods and industrialization in the country. In this context, promoting the production of basic products is one of the concerns of the Angolan government in the context of the ongoing reforms, as our country is aware that the development of a strong industry demands an abundance of raw materials.

In this regard, we consider UNIDO's actions as pertinent, as financing projects related to this aspect will give a new impetus to economic activities and contribute to socio-economic progress.

Projects that enhance economic competitiveness, sustainable energy use and environmental protection, among others, as they serve as a strong support to the industrialization process of UNIDO member states.

We recognize the work carried out and appeal, as in other latitudes, for special attention to countries in graduation process, given the possible impact on the economy.

Honorables

COVID-19 has caused disturbances in the economy in several countries. Consequently, this fact leads us to reflect on how micro, small and medium-sized companies can face the current context and remain operational.

It is important to bring consolidated and innovative ideas that serves as a basis to achieve the goals outlined, fundamentally, to prepare member states to deal with the impacts of the crisis with a focus on the post-pandemic period.

Therefore, all nations should work closely in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and building a better future.

In this regard, we welcome the positive progress made by UNIDO on responses to COVID-19 pandemic and other relevant items on our agenda.

We call upon UNIDO to continue supporting its member states to advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development, providing technical support to countries.

In that sense, we encourage UNIDO to further strengthen its communication with all members, looking to the different needs and concerns, as member states shall continue supporting UNIDO's efforts in achieving the industry-related sustainable development goals.

Finally, we reiterate our satisfaction in participating in this IDB session, hoping that UNIDO can fulfill its statutory objectives for the benefit of member states and an increasingly prosperous world.

I THANK YOU!