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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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Mr. President,

Mr. Director General,

Distinguished colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, let me congratulate your Excellency, Alejandro Solano, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica on your election as the President of the 50th Session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board (IDB), as well as the members of the bureau for their election. I assure you of the full cooperation of my delegation in discharging your mandate and hope that this session will come to a positive and productive outcome.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the outgoing bureau, H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland, and her members of the bureau for their outstanding work done during the 49th Session of the IDB.

We take vigilant note of Director General of the UNIDO informative introductory statement and appreciate him for his action-oriented view towards achieving noble goals of the organization.

Mr. President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Morocco on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and would like to add some comments at its national capacity as follows:

The Islamic Republic of Iran takes careful note of the annual report of the Director-General 2021, contained in document IDB.50/2, which conveys clearly the broad range of initiatives, activities, and programs that the Organization undertook last year. We encourage Director-General and the staff of the Organization to continue to move forward in pursuit of initiatives and the implementation of programs toward industrial development and economic and social prosperity.

My delegation commends the Organization for its technical assistance and capacity building programs provided to Member States, particularly developing countries, middle income countries and Least Developed Countries. Such efforts must continue with a view to strengthen partnership, cooperation, and knowledge-sharing among Member States.

We appreciate the UNIDO team's dedicated efforts and commitment to the implementation of the joint projects in the Islamic Republic of Iran and also for the initiatives undertaken in 2021 to help the country during Covid-19 pandemic.

The main target of my government in achieving sustainable development is to maximize the use of new technologies for sustained industrial development at the national level and to help small and medium-sized enterprises in different industries to better communicate and engage more effectively with relevant regional and international companies and organizations.

Mr. President,

Taking into account the serious challenges of our era, we firmly believe that fulfilling our commitments to gaining inclusive industrial development and creating an enabling environment for the benefit and welfare of our people can only be achieved through taking common endeavors and sharing responsibilities, based on international cooperation and multilateralism, including through multilateral institutions like UNIDO, and to maintain and uphold our unified objection to unilateralism.

As Director-General rightly pointed out Covid-19 pandemic crisis is also showing us the value of multilateralism and the importance of practical and effective solutions. It is opening our eyes to existing fragilities and growing inequalities. In this vein, to get the global economy back on track, the UNIDO should not shy away from speaking out about the negative impacts of unilateral economic, banking, and financial coercive measures of all sorts against its Member States that have long eroded and undermined sustainable development and international trade. Systematic denial of the rights of

sovereign States for development by resorting to unilateral sanctions hampers essentially all efforts to enhance international cooperation.

Finally, we are mindful that much remains to be done to achieve the noble goal of sustainable development and make the world a more prosperous and healthier planet where all people can live productive and vibrant, and where no one is left behind.

I thank you Mr. President.