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**Bangladesh Statement**

**by**

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**Mr. President,**

I congratulate you for your election as the President of the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the IDB. I am confident that under your able leadership and steadfast commitment to multilateralism, this IDB session would be productive. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing President Her Excellency Dominica Krois and her team for their valuable contribution to our work. I also thank the UNIDO Secretariat for their excellent preparatory work for this session.

**Mr. President,**

Bangladesh takes note of UNIDO's activities for 2021 outlining progress made in the implementation of projects, programmes, and on-going initiatives as reflected in the Director General's Report.

We also take note of the statement by the Director General and commend his able leadership and relentless efforts in guiding UNIDO to meet the current and emerging challenges, and to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development, which is a major aspiration of the developing countries like Bangladesh.

**Mr. President,**

We emphasize UNIDO's technical cooperation, including relevant analysis, research and evidence-based policy advice for the Member States that help shaping appropriate industrial strategies and policies.

We appreciate UNIDO for partnering with Bangladesh to improve industrial productivity and competitiveness of the private sector, enhance export capability, and ensure environmental sustainability of our industries through technical cooperation programme. We would like to continue our collaboration on design, revision and implementation of industrial strategies and policies, capacity development for industrial policy, and value chain development.

We suggest UNIDO, through this Session, to ensure cost effective and timely implementation of its projects in Bangladesh and we would like to see UNIDO's increased participation in our industrial advancement particularly in the context of the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution.

**Mr. President,**

In the context of agenda item 3.a, we express our support to strengthen UNIDO's result-based management culture and the use of IRPF; which are critical for efficient budgeting, optimized output and efficient service delivery.

**Mr. President,**

We are facing global crises which threaten our common future. We must take decisive collective action to address poverty, climate change and the accelerating loss of biodiversity and resources critical for the survival of humankind.

The role of UNIDO has become even more important for inclusive and sustainable industrial development to build environmentally sustainable, carbon- neutral and resilient planet. UNIDO has an important mandate to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs and implementation of the Paris Agreement.

We call upon UNIDO to strengthen its support to the member states in agro-industry development and food security, access to sustainable energy, waste management, and value chain development. Mobilization of climate finance, and transfer of clean and innovative technologies from the developed to the developing countries will be essential for the inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

**Mr. President,**

At the end, I would like to reaffirm Bangladesh's commitment and full support to UNIDO's mandate.

**I thank you, Mr. President.**