



PERMANENT MISSION OF ROMANIA
to the International Organizations in Vienna

Statement by Romania International Development Board UNIDO, 21 November 2022

Mr. Chairperson,

Romania fully subscribes to the statement by the European Union. In addition, I would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Mr. Chairperson,

Let me also join others in expressing our full support for UNIDO Director General Dr. Gerd Müller objectives to reform the organisation and increase its global relevance. With the support of the Member States, we are confident that DG Müller will deliver on these ambitious goals. We welcome the inclusive and transparent manner in which we are informed on the reform implementation.

A reformed, strengthened and sustainably resourced UNIDO will prove itself fit for purpose to support its Member States to address the growing number of global crises that undermine our security and the sustainable development.

Our position on Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has been voiced on numerous occasions. We condemn it in the strongest possible terms and we urge the Russian Federation to immediately cease its military actions, unconditionally withdraw all its forces and military equipment from the entire territory of Ukraine and fully respect Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence within its internationally recognised borders. Russia bears solely the responsibility for the global food security crisis, by disrupting food supply chains and provoking hunger around the world. This will have far-reaching consequences for developing countries. Romania, alongside the other EU Member States, will continue to respond to the global food security crisis and support timely and stable delivery of Ukrainian agricultural products to global markets.

Mr. Chairperson,

We welcome the DG's priority agenda outlined in his report: food security, agribusiness development and fair supply chains, energy efficiency and improved access to renewable energy to reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions.

Romania is committed to increase its cooperation with UNIDO, also in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the sustainable development goals (SDGs). We therefore welcome the recent regional conference "Reinforcing Partnerships for Development Cooperation in the European Region" aimed at strengthening cooperation amidst emerging challenges and opportunities between UNIDO and key institutions in Europe, including Romania.

The key priorities of Romania's development cooperation are stipulated in the Multiannual Strategic Programme on the International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance for the period 2020-2023. Three thematic areas have been defined as initial priorities for enhanced cooperation: agribusiness and rural development, decent jobs through education and entrepreneurship and renewable energy and environmental protection.

On concrete terms, UNIDO supported the establishment of the National Centre for Sustainable Production and Consumption (NCSPC) in Romania, which to this day acts as a focal point for the promotion and application of resource-efficient and cleaner production (RECP) in my country and beyond. The NCSPC is part of the RECP network coordinated by UNIDO and the UN Environment Programme.

Romania has recently become a part of the Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) in microelectronics and communication technologies (IPCEI ME/CT). Romania's expertise and interests are also interlinked with the development of automotive clusters. Romania currently has around 80 clusters. The National Cluster Association (CLUSTERO) served as one of the founding members of the European Cluster Association.

We look forward to fruitful discussions these days.

Thank you.