



G-77 and China statement during the UNIDO Industrial Development Board, 50th session, 21-23 November 2022, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Azzeddine Farhane, Permanent Representative of Morocco

Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of the IDB a distinguished member of our Group, as well as other members for their election to the bureau of this session. The Group is confident that you will steer the IDB with great skills for its successful and fruitful conclusion.
2. The Group would also like to thank the former President of the 49th session, H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Poland, for her leadership during the previous session, and the members of her bureau for their outstanding work in continuing to move the process forward successfully.
3. The Group has listened with great interest to the statement of the Director General Mr. Gerd Müller and, in this regard appreciates his efforts in leading this Organization during the past year and remains fully committed to the work of UNIDO.

The Group will express itself on the following agenda items 3, 4 (a), (b), (c), (d), 7, 8 (a) and (b), 12, 13 and 17.

Thank you, Mr. President.

Agenda item 3: Annual report of the Director General for 2021: (a) Managing for results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025

Mr. President,

1. The Group takes note of the Annual Report of the Director General which provides an overview of UNIDO's activities, achievements, as well as improvements made and challenges faced by the Organization during the past year and which also constitutes the last report covering the medium-term program framework 2018-2021 and the Program and budgets 2020-2021. The Group wishes to provide the following remarks on the report.
2. The Group reaffirms the high importance it attaches to all initiatives, activities, and programmes implemented or planned by the Organization during the period covered in the report. We encourage the Director General and the Secretariat to continue moving forward, in consultation with Member States, to a full implementation of the Organization's mandate, thereby advancing progress of developing countries and economies in transition on the path to economic and social prosperity.
3. The Group commends the Organization for its technical assistance and capacity building programmes 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 as well as with other stakeholders, including through South-South, North-South, and triangular cooperation. In this regard, the Group notes with appreciation that UNIDO's service delivery in terms of technical cooperation implementation in 2021 reached a figure of US\$179.4 million despite the continuous challenges caused by COVID-19.
4. The Group requests the Secretariat to build on the lessons learnt and experiences gained during the pandemic and enhances its resilience to continue these activities in the face of similar challenges in future.

5. The Group appreciates the Organization's continued contribution towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by participating in various activities throughout 2021, including in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as it reviewed SDGs 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

6. The Group notes with satisfaction that UNIDO's portfolio of projects and programmes for future implementation amounted to 575.2 million USD in 2021, with 194.7 million USD mobilized in 2021, and that voluntary contributions for UNIDO development cooperation services have increased by 38% compared to the previous year. This stands testament to UNIDO's relevance as key player among global development organizations. Furthermore, the Group encourages UNIDO to increase the technical cooperation delivery rate continuously.

7. With regard to the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP), the Group has followed the implementation of PCPs in Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania and Zambia, with great interest. The Group also wishes to express great importance to the successful implementation of the Country Programmes (CPs) in Member States. We look forward to the expansion and extension of PCPs and CPs, as well as the introduction of these programmes to other members of the Group, upon their request.

8. The Group of 77 and China welcomes significant progress in the implementation of the Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF) for 2018-2021 and the application of Integrated Results and Performance Framework (IRPF) in preparation of this report. Such improvement allows for a clearer comparison and analysis of the Organization's achievements both in quantitative and qualitative terms, and therefore should continue in future reports. In this context, the group looks forward to the organization's effective and efficient implementation of the Medium-Term Programme Framework 2022-2025 in order to provide clarifications on how the Organization advances its ISID mandate, its support to Member States, and its contribution to the SDGs.

9. Finally, the Group reaffirms its strong position concerning the need to enhance the equitable geographical distribution in all positions of the Secretariat, including at senior levels and requests the Director General to brief Member States on the reform of the Secretariat structure and its impact on the financial situation and the work of the Organization.

10. With these remarks, the Group takes note of the Annual Report for 2021, as submitted in document IDB.50/2-PBC.38/2.

Thank you, Mr. President.