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

Mr. President

Pakistan aligns itself with the Statement of G-77 and China under this agenda item.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Director General for preparing UNIDO's Annual Report for the year 2021. We have taken note of the Activities, Achievements and Challenges faced by UNIDO in 2021.

It is heartening to note that voluntary contributions for UNIDO Development Cooperation Services increased by 38 per cent, reaching an amount of \$197.3 million. Similarly, Government Institutions, Multilateral Organizations and donor Countries generously increased their respective contributions as well. We commend all donors for their contributions to UNIDO.

We also take note of UNIDO's portfolio of Projections and Programmes for future implementation amounting to US\$ 575.2 Million.

We appreciate UNIDO's Programme for Country Partnership (PCP). However, we would stress and call upon the Director General to consider enhancement of the programme and distributed the same on regional levels. Moreover, Pakistan would like to be part of PCP and may be included in the next phase.

Mr. President

In 2021, UNIDO implemented 'Stimulating investment in energy efficiency and renewables in Pakistan'. Under this project solar photovoltaic modules of a total capacity of 2.68 megawatt (MW) were installed using a pay-as-you-go module. 100 individuals and 40 certified auditors were trained in field of energy efficiency. We wish to highlight that Pakistan is a country with a population of 220 million. We, therefore, suggest that quantum of future projects may be devised accordingly.

We also note that in 2021 'safeguarding the environment remained the thematic focus of funding partners, which attracted the main share of overall funding with US \$98.7 million. While Environment and sustainable development remains a key focus of UNIDO, we would like to emphasize that countries may be prioritized on the basis of their climate vulnerability and that future projects may be aimed to help mitigate the adverse effects of climate change. This will enable the vulnerable states to pursue climate resilient industrial development.

Pakistan is looking forward to enhance its engagement with UNIDO. More so in the backdrop of recent climate induced calamity, we require enhanced technical and financial assistance to help revive our industry and make it sustainable and climate resilient in line with Sustainable development goals.

I thank you Mr. President.
