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Agenda item 4: Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

(a) Report of the External Auditor for 2021

Mr. President

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

External Audit is a tool to enhance efficiency and fine tune the working of the Organization. We take note of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial period 01 January to 31 December 2021. We reiterate that UNIDO may address all findings of the external auditor irrespective of their level of importance or priority. Moreover, all unresolved, partially resolved or still-open findings of the audit may be addressed at the earliest possible.

We understand that audit is a technical issue and have complete faith in capacity of the Secretariat to effectively implement the recommendations of audit. However, if there is any issue which could not be resolved, the Director General may share the same with member states.

Thank You Mr. President.

(b) On the Report by the Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee related issues.

Mr. President

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

We appreciate the work of Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee. We note that issues like Budgetary Flexibility and After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) need further deliberations and coordination with the Secretariat.

We share OAC's concerns on delays in implementation of Management Action Plan (MAP). We remain hopeful that the MAP would be consolidated and implemented at the earliest possible.

While OAC's deliberations have been very useful, we see a need to further expand its role. This may include deliberations on impact of

restructuring, gender and geographic balance, effectiveness of the programme and budget implementation and financial situation of the organization.

Thank you, Mr. President.

(d) **On the mobilization of financial resources.**

Mr. President

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

We have noted the considerable increase in UNIDO's funding for its various programmes as reflected in the Annual Report for the year 2021. We appreciate the work of the Director General and the Secretariate and encourage them to continue their search for additional funding this year.

We wish to highlight that UNIDO has been designated as a partner for Global Renewable Hydrogen Forum in COP-27, additional funding to support such role may also be secured from donor organizations and countries. This additional funding should go towards implementation of Green Hydrogen projects in climate vulnerable countries including provision of technical assistance and transfer of state of the art technology.

Mr. President

UNIDO is playing a significant role in countering the climate change and therefore, it is imperative that substantial funding for the same may be made available. We encourage Director General and Secretariat to continue their search for additional resources.

Thank you, Mr. President.
