

Agenda item 5: UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. President.

We take note of the report of the Director General on ‘UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’.

Sustainable Development is a shared vision of UNIDO and the member States. UNIDO is the primary implementation partner of Sustainable Development Goal 9 in general and goal 9.2 in particular.

The Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) is imperative for the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. COVID-19 has added to the challenges faced by MICs and LDCs who were already struggling to keep pace in meeting the 2030 Agenda.

Today, we witness that while some countries have rebounded from the pandemic many have been left behind. Moreover, the effects of climate change and climate induced calamities have compounded the challenges faced by developing countries. It is high time for us to appropriate more technical and financial resources for such countries to help them meet the targets and realize our shared vision under the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. President.

Pakistan supports China’s Global Development Initiative (GDI), which was announced by President Xi Jinping last September. GDI is aimed at helping the world recover from recent challenges including COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate the achievement of the SDGs by promoting common development, inclusive, harmonious and sustainable development.

Mr. President

Pakistan was the first country to integrate the SDGs into its national development agenda in February 2016. We made significant progress by mainstreaming these goals in national policies and strategies. In 2018, a National SDGs framework was designed to prioritize SDGs.

As a result, despite the Covid-19 global pushback, Pakistan’s SDG Global Rank improved by five ranks (Pakistan’s rank in 2021 was 129 (out of 193) , as of 134 (out of 166) in 2020).

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We wish to commend the work of UNIDO in maintaining worldwide statistics for six industry-related indicators under SDG 9. These Statistics help the Member States monitor and track their long-term pattern of Industrial Development.

We also acknowledge launch of UNIDO's flagship Industrial Development Report at the General Conference in December 2021. The report has been helpful in assessing the impact of COVID-19 and provides insight on the resilience of the industrial sector across the world.

For the coming year, we remain confident that UNIDO will continue to focus on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in line with 2030 Agenda.

I thank you, Mr. President,