

50th Session of the Industrial Development Board (IDB)

Statements by Pakistan

22 November 2022

Agenda item 16: Evaluation and internal oversight activities

Mr. President

We take note of the two reports on Internal Oversight Activities and Evaluation Activities and by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight.

The office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (EIO) has been mandated with very important functions of internal audit, investigation and evaluation, additionally it is the secretariat of UNIDO's OAC and coordinator of UN's Joint Inspection Unit (JIU).

We appreciate strengthening of policy framework under the EIO Charter. We reiterate that internal audit, one of the prime functions of EIO, is of utmost significance. We take note of the findings of EIO's evaluation of Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, Programme of Country Partnership in Senegal, Thematic evaluation of UNIO Medium-term Programme Framework and UNIDO's Capacity to contribute to transformational change.

Mr. President

We have noted that the range of internal audit professional staff at UNIDO should be between six and eleven, whereas it is currently at four. The Board may consider providing sufficient human resource to the office of EIO.

I thank you Mr. President.