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**AGENDA ITEM 5 – UNIDO AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

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THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

Mr. President,

With less than eight (8) years left to the realisation of Agenda 2030, and the unending challenges of inequality, high cost of living, unskilled labour force, paired with high unemployment due to lack of education and labour mismatch, the efforts by UNIDO together with all stakeholders are needed on skill transfer to bring about the attainment of the 17 sustainable development goals.

Global development challenges have been and continue to be in our midst and we need to intensify our collective multilateral efforts to apprehend them. ISID and PCP Projects collectively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. Goals 9 and 17 respectively are key in achieving our SDG goals. Namibia agrees that ISID plays an important role in the implementation of the proposals obtained in the UN Secretary General's report titled "Our Common Agenda".

Mr President,

We take note of the DG's report on UNIDO's strategy in response to climate change, and I refer to it here as we think this is closely related to the SDGs. My delegation further notes with concern the destruction caused by climate change. In an effort to address some of the devastating consequences of global warming, the decision on loss and damage made at the recently concluded COP27 in Egypt, is welcomed and we are looking forward to future discussions on this. We urge the world's biggest polluters to play their part and take the necessary steps to redress this catastrophic situation responsibly.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

Namibia is looking forward to taking stock of our achievements thus far at the second SDG Summit in 2023. This High-level Political Forum will also give us an opportunity to review our shortcomings in the attainment of the SGDs and identify ways on how we can accelerate the implementation of the SDGs at the national, regional and global levels before 2030.

With these comments, we take note of the Report of the DG as contained in document IDB.50/14.

I thank you.