



G-77 and China statement during the UNIDO Industrial Development Board, 50th session, 21-23 November 2022, delivered by H.E. Ambassador Azzeddine Farhane, Permanent Representative of Morocco

Agenda item 13: UNIDO's operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031

Mr. President,

1. The Group of 77 and China welcomes with appreciation UNIDO's continued efforts in advancing LDCs within the context of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, particularly through engaging in various global and regional fora to mobilize technical assistance and financial resources for its projects targeting the LDCs. We reiterate the critical need for realizing expeditiously the renewed and strengthened global partnership for LDCs in order to overcome their structural challenges, eradicate poverty and achieve the agenda for sustainable development.
2. In this regard, the Group takes note of the update on the preparation process of UNIDO's operational strategy for the LDCs 2022–2033 and we further look forward to the endorsement of the operational strategy at the next UNIDO General Conference.
3. The Group equally looks forward to the upcoming Fifth United Nations Conference on the LDCs scheduled to take place in Doha, Qatar from 5 to 9 March 2023 which will build on the deliberations and outcomes of the ninth Ministerial Conference of the LDCs and the Doha Programme of Action 2022-2031 to mainstream its six priority areas in UNIDO's future work through the promotion of resource mobilization and cooperation strategies between donor countries and LDCs.
4. In conclusion, the Group urges the international community to continue supporting UNIDO projects aimed at achieving the targets for the LDCs as well as contribute towards the comprehensive and timely implementation of the operational strategy subsequent to its adoption.

Thank you, Mr. President.