

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

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Thank you Mr. President,

I congratulate you for your assumption of the Presidency and the members of the Bureau for their election.

I thank the Director General for his comprehensive and informative introductory statement.

Mr. President,

Let me emphasize at the beginning:

My delegation welcomes the restructuring process initiated by the Director General, for a more modern, progressive and cost-effective organization. For better utilization of the regular budget, we look forward to the outcomes of the first Results-based Budget of the Organization.

We believe that providing UNIDO with necessary resources is key for the operational continuity of the organization. With this understanding, Türkiye has paid its assessed contribution to the regular budget of 2022 in full.

Secondly, UNIDO's activities in promoting industrial development remain to be key for inclusive and sustainable economic growth, decent work and productive employment. These are all essential actors for eradicating poverty as well.

We welcome the ongoing expansion of the Programme for Country Partnership. With this streamlined instrument, UNIDO has been actively contributing to several developing countries, effectively delivering its core mandate.

In that regard, UNIDO Centre for Regional Cooperation (UCRC) which we are pleased to host in Ankara, assumes an important role in the field of the much-needed capacity building for experts from Central Asia, Middle East and Africa.

Türkiye has extensive development and humanitarian assistance activities in many countries in Asia and Africa, where UNIDO has also been increasing its engagement.

We are confident that our continued collaboration would yield fruitful results both for Türkiye and these regions of common interest.

We also appreciate UNIDO's activities regarding other global issues such as climate change, energy transition, the Fourth Industrial Revolution and circular economy.

That said, let me remind that, Türkiye recently presented a draft resolution to the UN General Assembly, namely "Promoting zero-waste initiatives to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". We hope that this resolution will contribute to the efforts to adopt sustainable waste approaches and thus to the realization of SDG Goal 12 – on Responsible Consumption and Production.

Thirdly, referring to the "UNIDO's operational strategy and implementation plan for Least Developed Countries", I would like to stress that one of the foreign policy priorities of Türkiye is to assist LDCs in their development efforts. As you would recall, Türkiye hosted the

4thUnited Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 2011 and the İstanbul Programme of Action guided the concentrated efforts towards LDCs throughout the past decade. We welcome the recently adopted Doha Programme of Action and look forward to the second part of the 5th LDC Conference.

Technological transformation and digitalization are at the center of sustainable industrialization efforts. Türkiye hosts and financially supports the UN Technology Bank for LDCs, which is a subsidiary organ of the UN General Assembly. With the support of our government, UN Technology Bank, other UN agencies and relevant institutions in Türkiye jointly carry out important projects directed towards LDCs.

UN Technology Bank is currently working on a concrete project aimed at the technological advancement of youth called “Deneyap” (Technology Makers Lab) in Nijer. The project will be replicated in other LDCs as well.

Mr. President,

We are also in close cooperation with civil society organizations in our development assistance programmes. Being a supporter of multi-stakeholder engagement, we are convinced that UNIDO Secretariat will continue to exercise due diligence in following the rules of procedure concerning their participation.

Finally, Mr. President, let me take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the newly appointed members of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee, a member of which is a Turkish national, Mr. Tuncay Efendioğlu.

Thank Mr. President.