

## **Country Statement-Pakistan**

**Wednesday, 23 November, 2022**

**0900-1100 hours**

- **Agenda item 12:** Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries

Mr. President

Pakistan aligns itself with the Statement of G-77 and China under this agenda item and would add the following points in our National capacity.

We take note of Director General's report on Inclusive and sustainable Industrial Development in Middle Income Countries. We appreciate UNIDO's framework for Partnering with MICs and take note of the updated 'UNIDO's Workplan for partnering with Middle-Income Countries.

Mr. President

104 Member States of UNIDO are classified as Middle-Income Countries (MIC). We are pleased to note that in 2021 UNIDO established the Global Industrial Policy Advice Facility which assisted 10 Member States with policy advice and capacity development towards a sustainable and inclusive transformation of industry. We also look forward to extension of the program to other Member States.

UNIDO is in process of establishing an annual Multilateral Industrial Policy Forum (MIPF) which will expand and scale up provision of industrial policy advisory services to the Member States. We look forward to actively engaging with MIPF.

Mr. President

Middle Income Countries are losing comparative advantage due to lack of innovation, access to modern technology, energy efficiency and skilled human resource. Resultantly, some countries may face premature de-industrialization. UNIDO, has the experience and expertise to deal with such issues and can help MICs continue their path of sustainable industrialization.

One area which we specifically wish to highlight is the 'clean energy technology'. UNIDO has tested and proven experience of accelerating environmental protection dimension of industrial development. Policy advice and technical assistance of UNIDO can help MICs in their pursuit of environment friendly green technology.

Pakistan remains engaged with UNIDO, including, on the aforementioned points.

I thank You Mr. President.