

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE
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Agenda Item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2022

Thank you Mr. President,

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

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

Mr. President,

Our delegation welcomes the restructuring process initiated by the Director General, for a more modern, progressive and cost-effective 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 2023 in full.

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 factors for eradicating poverty as well.

We consider that through Programme for Country Partnership, UNIDO has been actively contributing to several developing countries and effectively delivering its core mandate.

In this 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. In this vein, we welcome Director General's recent meeting in Vienna with the Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States and prospective cooperation with the Organization.

Mr. President,

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 with the UNIDO would yield fruitful results.

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

Referring to the UNIDO's efforts for the Least Developed Countries, we would like to stress that one of the foreign policy priorities of Türkiye is to assist LDCs in their development efforts.

Türkiye hosts and financially supports the United Nations Technology Bank for LDCs. UN Technology Bank, other UN agencies and relevant institutions in Türkiye jointly carry out the projects directed towards LDCs. Hence, we encourage UNIDO to cooperate with the UN Technology Bank.

Thank you Mr. President.