

**Statement by His Excellency Ambassador Min Thein,  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
at the 51<sup>st</sup> session of the Industrial Development Board**

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**Mr. President,**

At the outset, my delegation wishes to congratulate you on your election as President of the IDB and the other members of the Bureau for their election. I am convinced that your able leadership will lead this meeting to a successful outcome.

We reassure our consistent support to the Director General's leadership at UNIDO and his reform efforts that make the organization more effective and efficient. Likewise, we appreciate the Secretariat for their diligent efforts in organizing this session. My delegation takes note of the Director General's Annual Report for 2022 by aligning with the statement of the Group of G77 and China and wishes to deliver a brief statement in its national capacity.

**Mr. President,**

Myanmar recognizes the important role of UNIDO for its initiatives, activities, and programmes for the Member States' economic and social prosperity through industrialization based on sustainable development. In this regard, I would like to emphasize the importance of providing its technical assistance, policy

recommendations and capacity building programmes for sustainable development in the Member States, particularly developing countries.

Myanmar is pursuing its national programme for sustainable development adopted in 2018 to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Myanmar believes that Industrial development plays a pivotal role in promoting economic growth, employment generation, and poverty reduction while acknowledging the importance of sustainable development. In so doing, UNIDO is helping Myanmar through its country programmes.

**Mr. President,**

While being a responsible member without failure of its annual assessed contribution to UNIDO, Myanmar truly appreciates UNIDO and donor countries for their kind assistance through the continued Country Programme 2015-2020 up to 2023. The programme will end in this August after completion of ongoing project under Trade Sector Development Programme, namely "Upgrading Horticulture Supply and Sustainable Tourism to Develop Business Linkages" funded by Switzerland.

We look forward to receiving further assistance through a new country programme requesting UNIDO and donor countries for their kind consideration as "No one should lag behind".

**In conclusion,** I wish to reiterate Myanmar's commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the cooperation with UNIDO for the successful implementation of its mandate.

Thank you, Mr. President.