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Agenda item 3: Annual report of the Director General for 2022

Thank you Chair,

1. At the outset I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of IDB and other members of the Bureau for their election. We are confident that you will steer the IDB with great skill for its successful conclusion.

2. My delegation would also like to take this opportunity to thank His Excellency Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, and members of his Bureau, for leading the 50th Session of the IDB to a successful conclusion.

3. Pakistan aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and will make the following remarks in its national capacity.

Chair,

4. We would like to express our gratitude to the Director General for preparing UNIDO's Annual Report for the year 2022. We have taken note of the activities, achievements and challenges faced by UNIDO in 2022 and welcome the DG's initiatives to transform UNIDO and make it more relevant. We believe it is important to build upon and retain the core competencies of UNIDO's human resource in close consultation with Member States. Moreover, it is equally important to achieve equitable geographical representation in UNIDO's human resource profile.

5. My delegation also recognizes the importance of resource mobilization and encourages UNIDO to explore ways of channeling climate finance funds to the implementation of projects, taking into account, inter alia, the climate vulnerability of the developing countries. We also commend UNIDO for the technical assistance, policy advice and capacity building programmes it provided to Member States, particularly developing countries, and encourages UNIDO to strengthen its work in areas of cooperation on industrial parks, industrial policy, development of SMEs and employment, green development,

circular economy, digitalization and innovation, while exploring cooperation in new areas such as green hydrogen. In addition to the above, we urge UNIDO to continue its efforts to strengthen partnerships, cooperation, and knowledge-sharing among Member States and other stakeholders, including through South-South, North-South, and triangular cooperation

6. We also note with appreciation the amount of funding secured in the past year from external sources for the implementation of UNIDO projects and programmes. The amount of US\$ 621.9 million, out of which US\$ 200.00 million has been mobilized and US\$ 180.3 was utilized in 2022. In this regard, Pakistan reiterates further efforts to improve the mobilizations of funds which are essential for delivery and the overall effectiveness of development cooperation activities and that the results represent a marginal increase of approximately US\$ 900,000 over the value of technical cooperation delivered in 2021.

Chair,

7. To date, UNIDO has implemented over 50 projects in various areas in Pakistan across multiple sectors including facilitating the industrial sector to adopt renewable energy measures to provide clean and sustainable energy, improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and empowering women and youth and ensuring food safety through horticulture and fisheries development. Moreover, UNIDO has assisted Pakistan in increasing the competitiveness of our industry through testing, monitoring, standardisation and certification for conformity assessment.

8. In this regard Pakistan appreciates the Organisation's efforts to deliver in the above-mentioned sectors across the country and calls for enhanced technical and financial assistance remains imperative to further facilitate in becoming more sustainable and climate resilient in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

I thank you.
