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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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Mr. President,

Mr. Director General,

Distinguished delegations,

At the outset, let me congratulate you, H.E.?????, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of ????? on your election as the president of the 51st session of the Industrial Development Board (IDB), as well as the members of the bureau for their election. I assure you of the full cooperation of my delegation in discharging your mandate and hope that this session will come to a positive and productive outcome.

I would also like to express my appreciation to H. E. Alejandro Solano, the distinguished Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and members of the outgoing bureau for their outstanding work done during the 50th session of the IDB.

We take note of the informative introductory statement by the Director General. We also take positive note of UNIDO support and commitment to the policy of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, which is at the core of the aspiration of the developing countries.

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and would like to add some comments at its national capacity as follow:

The Islamic Republic of Iran takes note of the annual report of the Director General for 2023. We welcome the various initiatives, activities and

programs implemented by the UNIDO during 2023. However, we do encourage the Director General and the Secretariat to continue working towards full implementation of the organization's mandate taking into account the widening gap between developed and developing countries.

Bearing in mind the very high-level expertise, infrastructures, potentials and best practices and experiences existing in my Country in different areas, the Islamic Republic of Iran is determined and has expressed its full readiness to expand its cooperation with UNIDO in all areas of collaboration. There are numerous economic opportunities and capacities in Iran, which can be utilized by different countries with the help of UNIDO. The main target of the Government is to maximize the use of new technologies for sustained industrial development at national level and to help small and medium-sized enterprises in different industries to better communicate and engage more with regional and international companies and organizations.

Mr. President,

The preamble paragraph of the UNIDO Constitution stipulates that It is necessary to establish a just and equitable economic and social order to be achieved through the elimination of economic inequalities, the establishment of rational and equitable international economic relations, implementation of dynamic social and economic changes and the encouragement of necessary structural changes in the development of the world economy.

In 2019 and at the 18th session of the UNIDO General Conference in Abu Dhabi, in the final declaration, all member states emphasized a concept with consensus, which is neglected in the reports of UNIDO and its follow ups. It is commensurate that paragraph 26 of Abu Dhabi declaration to be repeated and expressed in this session and I quote the paragraph, "In line with our reaffirmed commitment to United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, States are strongly urged to refrain from promulgating and applying any unilateral economic, financial or trade measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations that impede the full achievement of economic and social development, particularly in developing countries. We encourage all States to work for inclusive and sustainable industrial development."

Unilateral measures continue to be used by a few as a tool for narrow political interest and supremacy in international relations. Theses systematic

violations of international norms, not only target our efforts in the UNIDO aimed at filling the gaps between developed and developing countries, but also undermine our joint endeavors towards a collective system based on rule of law. This organization cannot be indifferent with regard to any attempts undermining its constituencies.

We firmly believe that unilateralism as now appears in new forms, is one of the main causes which hinder UNIDO to conduct its proper function with member states. In this regard, any unilateral measures against the advancement of the UNIDO technical cooperation's with member states should be responded and reported by Director General to the IDB and General Conference. Our experiences of the past years prove that while we work together and remain focused on our responsibilities, we should explore all opportunities to overcome increasing challenges with a view to have a better world as highlighted and enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and other relevant parent documents.

Finally, we support the UNIDO Progress in advancing management objective of in the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) and also the UNIDO role in leading the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III), and contribution by UNIDO to industrial development.

In conclusion, I wish this IDB session of UNIDO could achieve significant results through collective endeavors, constructive discussions, excellent decisions and to contribute to further development and prosperity of our societies.

I thank you Mr. President.