

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
AT THE 51ST SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
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Agenda item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2022

Thank you, Mr. President,

1. At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as President of the 51st Session of the Industrial Development Board. I also congratulate the other members of the Bureau on their election. My delegation assures you of its full support and cooperation as you steer this session to a successful conclusion.

2. My delegation also wishes to express its appreciation to H.E. Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and President of the 50th Session of IDB as well as the other members of the Bureau for their outstanding work during the previous session.

3. My delegation takes note of the opening statement of the Director General and wishes to reassure him of Ghana's continuous support and cooperation as he leads this important Organization. We also appreciate the tireless efforts of the Secretariat in organizing this session.

Mr. President,

4. Specifically on the agenda item under consideration, Ghana aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Africa Group and wishes to make following additional remarks in its national capacity.

5. We take note of the Director General's reform initiatives and the programmes and projects the Organization has implemented as well as the achievements and progress made during the year under review, as outlined in the Annual Report. In this regard, we commend the Director

General for leading the Organization to achieve a 17 per cent increase in the implementation of technical cooperation programmes and projects during the year 2022.

6. We also take note, with satisfaction, that some of the programmes and projects the Organization has implemented were aimed at addressing important issues such as climate change and food insecurity, as well as promoting environmental protection and developing renewable energies. These issues are at the core of the challenges faced by developing countries in their efforts to attain inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

7. We, therefore, encourage UNIDO to build on the achievement and progress made, thus far, in order to firmly anchor Member States, particularly, developing countries on the path towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

8. With these remarks, Ghana takes note of the Annual Report of the Director General as contained in document IDB.51/2.

Thank you, Mr. President.