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Mr. President,

At the beginning, I would like to warmly congratulate you on your election as the President of the 51st session of the IDB. I am confident that under your able leadership and steadfast commitment to multilateralism, this IDB session will be a productive one.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing President His Excellency Ambassador Alejandro Solano Ortiz of Costa Rica, and the bureau for their valuable contribution to our work. I also thank the UNIDO Secretariat for the preparatory work for this session.

Mr. President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the Group of 77 and China. I would, however, like to make a few comments in my national capacity.

Bangladesh appreciates the Director General of UNIDO for the comprehensive Annual Report and takes note of the progress made in the implementation of UNIDO's projects, programmes, and initiatives. We believe that DG's vision 'Progress by Innovation' and his ambitious organizational reforms will make UNIDO more efficient and effective in implementing its technical cooperation programmes.

We also take note of the statement of the Director General delivered this morning. We appreciate his vision and ambition for the future of UNIDO and as to how the organization promotes inclusive and sustainable development.

Mr. President,

We note with satisfaction the substantial increase in the implementation of technical projects in 2022, especially in the areas of climate and environmental protection, food security and renewable energy. We would request UNIDO to continue its policy advice and capacity building programmes provided to the member states, particularly to the LDCs and the countries in transition.

We are keen to see further growth in our strong bilateral partnership with UNIDO to improve environmentally sound development of the power sector, enhancing export capability and environmental sustainability of our industries, promoting sustainable

plastic use and marine litter prevention, and improving food safety mechanism.

Mr. President,

We are facing global crises which threaten our common future. We must take result-oriented collective action to address poverty, climate change, and the accelerated loss of biodiversity and resources critical for the survival of the humankind.

We would encourage UNIDO to further explore avenues for mobilizing funds, aiming at implementation of the targeted projects and programs especially in the areas of food security, energy transition and efficiency, climate action, agro-industries, and access to technology and innovation. Mobilization of climate finance, and transfer of clean and innovative technologies from the developed to the developing countries will be indispensable for the inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the member states.

Mr. President,

I would like to conclude by reaffirming the firm commitment of Bangladesh to UNIDO and reiterate our full support to UNIDO's mandate as the leading UN Agency to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

I thank you, Mr. President.
