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ECONOMY**

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Mr. President, thank you once again for giving me the floor.

1. Namibia associates herself with the statements delivered by the Group of 77 and China and the African respectively.
2. Allow me to deliver the following remarks in my national capacity.
3. My delegation notes the Organization's commitment to advancing Circular Economy. In this regard, Namibia appreciates the inclusive approach adopted through global consultations on circular economy with other UN entities and regional organizations.

Mr. President,

4. I wish to convey Namibia's appreciation to UNIDO for the continued support and important role in the development and implementation of various projects in the country, including the Biomass Industrial Park facility project, which is at the finalisation stage. To this end, we welcome with great appreciation the funding provided by the Finnish Government to assist with the successful implementation of this project.
5. Namibia is also formulating plastic waste and Circular Economy (CE) policy initiatives for implementation. These initiatives will help Namibia achieve its Sustainable Development Goals as they will help to promote investments in innovative technologies and infrastructures to reduce inequalities in the informal sector and support economic development. Namibia therefore, looks forward to UNIDO's assistance towards the formulation and implementation of these initiatives.
6. On UNIDO's strategy in response to Climate Change, my delegation appreciates the efforts of H.E. Mohamed Hamdy Elmolla, Permanent Representative of Egypt, in steering the negotiations on this important strategy and supports the document's adoption and implementation.
7. Namibia would like to thank UNIDO for coordinating the implementation of the Montreal Protocol on the reduction of harmful gases in our environment, a project being implemented by UNEP.

Finally, Mr. President,

With these brief remarks, my delegation takes note of the information provided in documents IDB.51/18 and IDB.51/19 respectively.

I Thank You.