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**AGENDA 11: INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES**

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**Mr. President,**

1. My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Africa Group and the Group of 77 and China on this agenda item and wishes to make the following additional remarks in its national capacity.
2. Namibia appreciates UNIDO's strategic work plan for partnering with middle-income countries for inclusive and sustainable development as well as through this strategic partnership Framework.
3. Namibia's classification as an upper middle-income country, hinders access to most of the available funding opportunities and appreciate UNIDO's workplan for partnering with middle-income countries, which could change the status quo.
4. Namibia remains among the most unequal societies in the world, attesting to the deeply embedded structural nature of our problem. The status quo is not sustainable, and Namibia is taking steps to build a more inclusive society.
5. Namibia welcomes UNIDO's collaboration with Hydrogen Europe and the development of the Global Partnership for Hydrogen application and the skill map for conducting a skills gap assessment in middle-income countries. In this connection, my delegation is grateful for the selection of Namibia amongst the first countries for this exercise.
6. My delegation further recognizes the Policy function toolkit to be developed by the International Renewable Energy Agency and German Institute of Development and Sustainability to help policy

makers in designing a green Hydrogen strategy which focuses on both the production and the domestic offtake of green hydrogen.

7. Namibia looks forward to cooperating with UNIDO in strengthening industrial human capacity to develop our enterprises.
8. With remarks, my delegation takes note, with appreciation, of the information contained in document IDB.51/20.

I Thank You.