

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA
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Agenda Item 5: Programme and Budgets, 2024-2025

Mr. President,

1. Ghana aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Africa Group on this agenda item and wishes to make the following additional remarks.
2. The Ghana delegation notes, with satisfaction, that the proposed Programme and Budgets for the next biennium aligns its programme and results framework with the Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF) of UNIDO for 2022-2025. This would ensure the successful implementation of the MTPF during the next biennium.
3. Ghana welcomes the adjustments made to the initial programme and budgets proposal by the Secretariat in response to the call by Member States for adoption of a zero real growth budget, in view of the current global economic challenges and its effects on all countries, particularly developing countries.
4. While recognizing the challenges of working with limited resources, my delegation urges UNIDO to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of its operations without sacrificing the quality of services delivered to Member States and other stakeholders, especially in the area of technical cooperation. In this regard, Ghana welcomes the Director General's proposal to increase technical cooperation delivery to Member States by up to 25 percent during the 2024-2025 biennium.

5. We request the Director General to ensure equal geographical representation in the staffing structure of the Secretariat by prioritizing underrepresented regions when making recruitments to fill vacant and new positions.

6. With these additional remarks, Ghana takes note of the proposed Programme and Budgets 2024-2025 as presented in document IDB.51/6 and the related adjustments as contained in document IDB.51/6/Add.1 and supports its adoption.

Thank you, Mr. President.