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Mr President,  
Excellencies,

It is my great honour to address the distinguished participants of the fifty-first session of the Industrial Development Board of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization from Kyiv, Ukraine.

As you know, the Russian war against Ukraine continues, causing unprecedented pain and suffering for Ukraine's people and extraordinary losses and damage to Ukraine's economy.

The total damage to industrial and commercial facilities continues to grow as Russia's brutal aggression persists. Furthermore, the recent destruction of the Kakhovka dam by Russian occupants has caused additional severe economic, environmental and social consequences.

Ukraine continues to fight daily for a better future with the support of our partners. Despite constant shelling, sabotage, cyber and drone attacks, we managed to secure our energy supply, launch state support programmes for employees and relocate thousands of businesses to safer regions, where they can continue to operate and provide jobs for people. We are not losing hope in a better and safer future for Ukraine and its brave people. And we rely on you, our partners and friends, in making this hope come true.

Now, we are focused on reconstruction and recovery, which should begin even before the war ends and the Government of Ukraine has a commitment and ownership over the reconstruction process. The recent Ukraine Recovery Conference in London mobilized international support to stabilize our socioeconomic situation and recover from the war's devastating impacts. One notable initiative is the establishment of the Ukraine Development Fund, which will attract public and private capital to rebuild our post-war economy, with a specific emphasis on energy (including green steel and hydrogen), infrastructure, agriculture, manufacturing, and ICT.

Our overall objective is to rebuild a resilient, green and EU-compatible industry by implementing best practices and technologies, which requires active engagement with our partners.

UNIDO, as our key United Nations partner for green recovery and post-crisis industrial development and modernization of Ukraine, has already demonstrated its commitment through immediate response actions and the initiation of new projects. These endeavours directly address our urgent needs in job creation, support for internally displaced persons (IDPs), and technology transfer. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Governments of Germany, Japan, Austria and Poland for making their financial contributions to these initiatives. We hope to welcome more partners to our cause, as now is the time to scale up our activities and strengthen our cooperation capacities to support our recovery effectively.

Last week, the Government of Ukraine and UNIDO held a virtual kick-off meeting of the jointly established National Coordination Body for the green recovery and sustainable industrial development of Ukraine to ensure an intra-governmental coordination on key shared priorities. By year-end, we aim to finalize a comprehensive green recovery programme for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Ukraine for the next five years and to advance in partnership building and resource mobilization. Together, we will prepare concrete and result-oriented projects based on our country's

needs and growth opportunities. Mobilizing significant resources funding, technology, and unique expertise is crucial to realize this robust program, fortifying Ukraine after this brutal war. We call upon all partners to join us and contribute to the remarkable work being accomplished by Ukraine and UNIDO.

On behalf of the Ministry for Strategic Industries of Ukraine, I wish to thank UNIDO for supporting the recovery, development and prosperity of Ukraine and its people.

I thank everyone who helps Ukraine!

Slava Ukraini! Glory to Ukraine!