



STATEMENT BY THE CO-CHAIR

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Informal Working Group (IWG)

on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues

Mr. President,

Thank you for giving me the floor to introduce the latest report of the Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues.

In doing so, I would like to thank my colleague and co-Chair, Mr. Henryk Czubek, from the Permanent Mission of Poland, with whom I share the responsibilities for facilitating the deliberations in the Working Group. I also wish to thank the Member States for their active participation and contributions. I also thank the Secretariat for their valuable supported in its functioning.

Since the 39th session of the Programme and Budget Committee, the IWG has held four substantive meetings, during which the working group discussed the agendas of **budget implementation flexibility** and the **contributions from non-members**. The group also met with the representatives of the **UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee** (OAC) and validated the draft **six-month schedule of the IWG**, for the period of June 2023 to January 2024. The summary of the discussions has been included in the update on the report of the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues, IDB.51/CRP3.

I would also like to note that through its conclusion 2023/8 on the budget implementation flexibility (PBC.39/L.8) the 39th session of the Programme and Budget Committee, the Committee had recommended to the 51st session of the Industrial Development Board to discuss the issue of budget implementation flexibility.



In line with this conclusion, and **following discussions held at the 53rd and 56th meetings of the IWG**, a draft decision on the budget implementation flexibility as it currently stands was shared with Permanent Missions for further consideration by the 51st session of the Board.

I am echoing the sentiments of my colleagues in saying that we look forward to continuing to work within this informal framework, which has proved to be a valuable tool for dialogue and deliberations among the member states.

Thank you, Mr. President.