



**STATEMENT AT THE 51<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) OF THE  
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**AGENDA ITEM 9: THIRD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
DECADE FOR AFRICA (IDDA III)**

**DELIVERED BY  
H.E. MR. VASCO M. SAMUPOFU,  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF NAMIBIA TO UNIDO**

**Mr. President,**

1. My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the African 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 takes note of the report on the progress made regarding the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) and commends UNIDO for its commitment to this noble initiative.
3. The provision of technical assistance to Member States, particularly developing countries with the aim of anchoring these countries on the path toward inclusive and sustainable industrial development and transforming them into hubs for competitive industrial transformation is evident in the increase in the number of projects implemented during the period under review.
4. Namibia is poised to become a renewable energy hub of Africa, considering the country's green hydrogen efforts. The Organization's human and capital assistance will be essential in the transition to a lower carbon and green economic development.
5. Namibia welcomes the envisaged UNIDO Africa Strategy as we believe it will address core issues which are at the centre of our development agenda.
6. Namibia also commends UNIDO's collaboration with other UN agencies, regional bodies, and other stakeholders in advocating for

more industrial developmental initiatives and funding for implementation of technical cooperation projects.

**Mr. President,**

7. With these remarks, my delegation welcomes the progress made in the implementation of IDDA III in the previous year and takes note of the report as contained in document IDB.51/15-PBC.39/15.

I Thank You.