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The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Mr. President,

We associate ourselves with the statement made by the Ambassador of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and would like to add the following points from our national perspective.

We take positive note of UNIDO's efforts in convening the development dialogues on the strategy in response to climate change as well as the global and regional consultations on circular economy.

The devastating impacts of climate disruption are becoming more apparent every year. The climate crisis could be the greatest barrier to our collective development aspirations. However, we remain convinced that any climate action must fully recognize the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and the respective capacities.

We are of the firm belief that the UNIDO's Climate Strategy will maximize synergies with other priority areas of UNIDO, such as energy, innovation, agribusiness development and food security. In this regard, unequivocal support to secure the needs and priorities of developing countries towards development is important and crucial.

Mr. President,

My delegation will continue to engage with UNIDO and the consultations on these subjects with a view to implement an effective climate strategy including transition towards a circular economy.

Last but not least, the Islamic Republic of Iran underscores that developed countries should exercise their responsibility and fulfill their obligations by providing financial support, technology transfer and capacity-building to assist developing countries, which is indispensable for attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID), and achieving SDGs.

I thank you, Mr. President