

**UNIDO – 51<sup>st</sup> Industrial Development Board**  
**Statement by H. E. Mr. Götz Schmidt-Bremme,**  
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Agenda Item 10 b – UNIDO strategy in response to climate change

Thank you, Chair,

Excellencies, Director General, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Germany fully supports the statement made by the European Union and its member states.

In my national capacity I would like to add the following comments:

UNIDO's new **Strategy** in response to **Climate Change** has been refined, discussed and finalized with the Member States. We are glad that this important milestone could be reached in a relatively short time! Germany endorses the draft decision in this IDB. We would like to **thank** the UNIDO Secretariat for keeping up the momentum, the Member States for their flexibility, and in particular Egypt for taking on the role of Facilitator and for building bridges that have led to robust results. Germany has been a strong supporter of UNIDO's Climate Change Strategy right from the beginning. And as active participants in the process, we are fully satisfied with the results. We are looking forward to the work on the Action Plan that will complete the Strategy. We would also recommend that UNIDO pursue its activities in the field of a circular economy, such as the global consultations, and mainstreaming the concept of a circular economy in its Technical Cooperation.

Thank you, Chair.