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Agenda Item 9: Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

Mr. President,

1. Ghana aligns itself with the statements delivered on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Africa Group on this agenda item and wishes to make the following additional remarks.
2. The Ghana delegation underscores the importance of UNIDO's mandate of leading the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) whose vision is to firmly anchor Africa on the path towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
3. Ghana acknowledges, with appreciation, the various activities undertaken by UNIDO on the continent with the aim of achieving the objectives and vision of the IDDA III. In Ghana for example, a project on strengthening the rice value chain was launched. The project will build the capacity of value chain actors - mainly farmers, agro-traders, crop processors, and public supporting institutions - by way of a range of activities focusing on quality assurance, increased productivity and business competitiveness, as well as the supply of equipment.
4. As the IDDA III reaches mid-point in its implementation, Ghana reiterates the importance of the full implementation of the IDDA III Joint Roadmap and encourages the IDDA III Secretariat to play a more coordinated role in implementing the Joint Roadmap.
5. In this regard, Ghana welcomes the development of draft UNIDO Strategy for Africa 2023-2025 to align with the IDDA III and provide a

common guiding framework for UNIDO's interventions in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development on the continent. We urge the UNIDO Secretariat to continue the consultations with Member States and ensure that their inputs are fully incorporated into the document.

6. Finally, Ghana welcomes the development of draft UNIDO LDC Strategy and urges the Secretariat to align the Africa Strategy and the LDC Strategy to avoid overlap and ensure consistency in the implementation of UNIDO's industrial development initiatives on the continent.

7. With these additional remarks, Ghana takes note of the Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa as contained in document IDB.51/15.

Thank you, Mr. President.