



**G-77 and China statement during the UNIDO Industrial Development Board,
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Permanent Representative of Pakistan**

Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Group of 77 and China, I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of the IDB. I also congratulate the other members of the Bureau for their election. The Group is confident that, under your able leadership, the IDB will draw to a successful and fruitful conclusion.
2. The Group would also like to thank His Excellency Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica and President of the 50th session, and members of the Bureau for their hard work and dedication during the previous session.
3. The Group takes note of the introductory remarks by Director General Gerd Müller and wishes to reassure him of its support for his leadership of UNIDO. In particular, the Group appreciates the Director General's ongoing efforts to implement the ambitious, timely and much needed reforms to reduce costs, modernize the Organization and make it more efficient, in line with the needs and priorities of Member States, in particular developing countries.
4. The Group also wishes to thank the Secretariat for organizing this session. Concerning the agenda items for this session, the Group will address agenda items 3, 4 (a), (b), (c), (f) and (j), 5, 9, 10, and 11.

Agenda item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2022

Mr. President, on the present agenda item,

1. The Group of 77 and China would like to express its appreciation to the Director General for the Annual Report of UNIDO for 2022 covering the reform initiatives, achievements and improvements made, as well as challenges faced by the Organization during the past year. The Group recalls the statement it made during the 39th PBC on this agenda item and wishes to reiterate the following points on the report.
2. At the outset, the Group welcomes the implementation of the organizational reform programmes and the 17 per cent increase in the implementation of technical projects in 2022, especially in the areas of climate change and environmental protection, food security and renewable energies, for the purpose of promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Member States.
3. The Group reaffirms the great importance it attaches to all the initiatives, activities, and programmes implemented or planned by the Organization during the period covered in the report. We encourage the Director General and the Secretariat to continue working towards full implementation of the Organization's mandate, in order to put developing countries and economies in transition on the path towards economic and social prosperity through industrialization.

4. The Group commends UNIDO for the technical assistance, policy advice and capacity building programmes it provided to Member States, particularly developing countries, and encourages UNIDO to strengthen its work in areas of cooperation on industrial parks, industrial policy, development of SMEs and employment, green development, circular economy, digitalization and innovation, while exploring cooperation in new areas such as green hydrogen. We also encourage UNIDO to continue to strengthen partnerships, cooperation, and knowledge-sharing among Member States and other stakeholders, including through South-South, North-South, and triangular cooperation.

5. The Group recognizes the importance of resource mobilization and encourages UNIDO to explore ways of channeling climate finance funds to the implementation of projects, taking into account, inter alia, the climate vulnerability of the developing countries.

6. The Group notes with appreciation UNIDO's continued contribution towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by participating in various activities, including the IDB submission of input documents to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development.

7. The Group further notes with satisfaction that the amount of funding secured in the past year from external sources for the implementation of UNIDO projects and programmes amounted to US\$ 621.9 million, of which US\$ 200.00 million has been mobilized and US\$ 180.3 utilized in 2022. We highlight that improving the mobilizations of funds lies at the heart of the delivery and the effectiveness of development cooperation activities and that the results represent a marginal increase of approximately US\$ 900,000 over the value of technical cooperation delivered in 2021.

8. Regarding Programme for Country Partnerships (PCPs), the Group has followed, with keen interest, the implementation of PCPs in Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, and Zambia. We also attach great importance to the successful implementation of various activities under the framework of Country Programmes (CPs) in Member States. We strongly encourage UNIDO to expand both PCPs and CPs to other members of the Group, upon their request.

9. Finally, the Group welcomes the significant progress made in the implementation of the Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF) for 2022-2025 and the application of Integrated Results and Performance Framework (IRPF) in preparation of this report. In future reports, the Group encourages the provision of indicators for comparison and analysis of the Organization's achievements both in quantitative and qualitative terms.

10. With these remarks, the Group takes note of the Annual Report of the Director General for 2022 as contained in document IDB.51/2.

I thank you, Mr. President.