



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

Agenda item 5: Programme and Budgets, 2024-2025

Mr. President,

1. The Group takes note of the proposed Programme and Budgets 2024-2025 as presented in document IDB.51/6 and the adjustments made to the proposal, as contained in document IDB.51/6/Add.1.
2. The Group also notes that the proposed Programme and Budgets 2024-2025 is prepared based on results-based budgeting principles, in compliance with General Conference decision GC.18/Dec.14. This is the second time that UNIDO has adopted this approach in such a comprehensive and consolidated manner, following the General Conference decision.
3. The Group further notes, with appreciation, the Director General's proposal to increase technical cooperation delivery to Member States by up to 25 per cent during the 2024-2025 biennium.
4. The Group recognizes the challenges working within limited resources, balancing savings and income with expenditure and obligations, and coping with shifting demands due to cascading difficult global circumstances including the climate change, the energy and food crises, which have negatively impacted many Member States. We therefore welcome the adjustments made to the initial programme and budgets proposals aimed at taking into account the circumstances of Member States without sacrificing the quality of service delivered to stakeholders, particularly in the area of technical cooperation.
5. While the Group welcomes the Director General's reform initiatives aimed at increasing technical cooperation and ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of UNIDO, including by improving human resources management and gender mainstreaming, it also continues to convey its request for the Director General to enhance efforts to recruit and promote professionals from under-represented regions, especially at higher management positions.

Thank you, Mr. President.