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- ✓ **Her Excellency Ambassador Debora Lepre, President of the 20th Session of the UNIDO General Conference,**
- ✓ **His Excellency Mr. Gerd Müller, UNIDO Director General,**
- ✓ **Honorable Ministers,**
- ✓ **Distinguished Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives,**
- ✓ **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Allow me, first of all, on behalf of the Government of Angola, express our sincere thanks for the invitation to participate in this very important event.

We would also like to congratulate **Her Excellency Ambassador Debora Lepre**, Permanent Representative of Italy, on her election as President of this 20th Session of the UNIDO General Conference and extend wishes of success in this arduous task, while expressing our support.

The Angolan delegation subscribes to the statement of the African Group and the G77 and China.

Madam President,

This Conference, under the theme '*Fair Globalization: Innovative Solutions for the Industry of Tomorrow*,' takes place in a context where we are constantly discussing ways to make a path for ensuring inclusive industrial and digital development for non-industrialized and industrializing countries, and on the other hand, the need to oversee the decarbonization of industries and the commitment to renewable energies, aiming to reduce the effects of climate change and ensuring food security for all people of the world.

Indeed, the world is facing multiple and interconnected crises that have posed great obstacles to economic recovery in the post-pandemic era, as well as to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Wars, massive migrations for security reasons or as a result of poverty in the Global South, pandemics, droughts, among other events happening in the world, have shown us that in this globalized world economies are interdependent, as we all suffer the impacts they are causing, although some continents, such as Africa, are more affected.

In this context, we advocate the need to continue efforts aimed at promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial and digital development, technology transfer, and investment in technical training, in order to ensure socio-economic development, job creation, poverty reduction, and the fight against hunger and food insecurity.

However, these efforts to accelerate industrialization will not be successful without an effective opening of global consumer markets and the elimination of subsidy policies that distort the international competitiveness of the economies of developing nations, particularly of the African continent.

We recognize and congratulate all the efforts made by UNIDO, which based on Sustainable Development Goals 9 (SDG 9), have sought through projects and programs to promote the industrial development of the African continent and make efforts for the transfer of new technologies with the perspective of emerging our economies in face of the multiple challenges we currently have.

We also value the role that UNIDO has played in implementing various projects in Africa, highlighting the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III), as a crucial factor in attracting

important resources for the industrialization of Africa. However, there is still much to be done in this region of the globe.

Madam President,

It is undeniable the need to accompany globalization with industrialization, technology transfer, and digital inclusion, to build emerging and resilient economies. However, we must be able to bet on sustainable industrialization to not continue causing serious harm to our climate, otherway, we will be contributing to the destruction of our planet.

Therefore, we appeal to everyone's efforts to reduce carbon emissions and gradually decarbonize industries, betting on renewable energies, especially green hydrogen, to minimize the effects of climate change, to save future generations.

Madam President,

In order to develop the industrial sector, the Angolan government has carried out significant reforms, as well as a set of cross-cutting initiatives aimed at the creation and operationalization of Industrial Development Hubs and Rural Industrial Hubs, which are increasers of local industrial development and the promotion of value chains in Angola.

Madam President,

The Republic of Angola has also expressed its concern about the effects caused by climate change and has made the energy transition one of the points on its agenda, and is thus developing various photovoltaic projects and promoting the conversion of thermal energy production units.

Additionally, in the context of decarbonizing the oil sector, the Angolan government is promoting the use of technologies and extraction methods

that allow for a reduction in emission intensity in the oil and gas production process in the country, aiming to achieve, globally, that 70% of the country's energy production comes from renewable sources by 2025.

Furthermore, our government has taken significant steps towards decarbonization, whether by reducing the use of greenhouse gas-generating energies or within the framework of the natural carbon capture web, such as, for example, the reforestation of mangroves along the national coastline, given that mangroves are an effective filter of the atmosphere and the sea, absorbing some of its most harmful pollutants.

Also in the context of decarbonization, recently, His Excellency João Lourenço, President of the Republic, announced the initiation, next year, of a Green Hydrogen exploration project in the locality of Barra do Dande, Bengo province, which objective is to serve the domestic market and export green energy to Europe and other consumers in the world. This is yet another practical demonstration of our country's commitment to reducing greenhouse gases.

Angola is opened to investments that will allow the development of a diverse, sustainable, and non-polluting local industry; dear conference attendees, please be the bearers of our invitation to all investors from your respective countries.

Madam President,

We are fully convinced that this Conference will allow for constructive decisions that will gradually lead developing states towards industrialization, as well as facilitate technology transfer and digital inclusion, to build resilient economies capable of facing the challenges of this century, which should be the century of the eradication of poverty on our planet.

Thank you very much.