

Statement of the Republic of Poland
on the occasion of the 20th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO
presented by H.E. Dr. Dominika Krois, Ambassador,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office
and International Organizations in Vienna
Vienna, 27 November – 1 December 2023

Madam President,

Mr Director General,

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Poland associates itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union. Additionally I would like to highlight a few elements of particular importance to my country.

Madam President,

Please allow me to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 20th Session of the General Conference and wish you all success, towards which we will contribute.

Director General Gerd Müller,

I would like to thank you for your personal engagement and professional leadership of UNIDO during the last two years.

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

I am pleased to express our satisfaction that the budget of the organisation for the next biennium 2024-2025 was prepared with consent of all member states and great support of UNIDO Secretariat. It is important since it provides stable functioning of the organisation in the next two years.

Madam President,

A sustainable world is a greater opportunity for lasting peace and prosperity, based on respecting the fundamental goods, including human rights and dignity. In our opinion the 2030 Agenda is the most ambitious agreement on sustainable development that has ever been adopted by the global leaders.

Development of innovativeness remains one of the key elements of the Polish economy. The amount of spending on research and development in Poland, although still below our ambitions, has increased - from 1% of GDP in 2015 to 1.44% in 2021. Technological process has accelerated, the machinery park has been renewed, new R&D infrastructure has been created and the competence of staff implementing innovative projects has increased. Polish companies are not only allocating higher and higher expenditures on R&D activities, but are also becoming more active in the use of digital technologies in their operations. The challenge remains to stimulate the Polish economy and encourage entrepreneurs to invest further in innovation.

Poland is a country of high ambitions and growing opportunities. We have been promoting innovation, technological progress, social justice and green transition. The model of sustainable development we adopted is being positively verified both by continuous improvement of the socio-economic indicators as well as first of all by the feeling of our citizens that their lives simply get better. Our goal is to further expand the possibilities of our economy, develop Poland's investment attractiveness and the ability of our companies to expand.

We are proud of the fact that Poland has succeeded to become an emerging donor and supplier of technical assistance to less developed countries from being for many years a recipient of technical assistance programs. We believe that UNIDO General Conference presents also a unique opportunity for new meetings, especially with more geographically distant partners. I would like to underline that we are open to cooperation and further development assistance to countries being in path of development.

Madam President,

I would like to emphasize that as the 16th largest contributor to the regular budget of the organization we always pay our Assessed Contributions in full amount and within the indicated deadlines.

To conclude, Poland is a dedicated member of UNIDO from the very beginning and wishes to reiterate its commitment to the goal of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. We are looking forward to continue an intensive and effective cooperation with UNIDO.

Thank you Madam President.