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National Statement

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In the Name of God

The compassionate, the Merciful

Madam President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

At the outset I would like to congratulate you, Madam President, and other members of the Bureau on their election. They have our full support to steer the 20th Session of the General Conference to a successful conclusion.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank H.E. Mr. Mohamed Mezghani, Permanent Representative of Tunisia, the outgoing President of the 19th General as well as the entire bureau and the Secretariat for their outstanding work.

Please allow me, on behalf of the Government and people of Iran, to express our sincerest and deepest sympathies to the Palestinian people in this very dark days of history. We strongly condemn the bloody and brutal attack carried out by the Israeli regime against the Palestinian people.

The Islamic Republic of Iran stands firmly behind the aspirations of the Palestinian people and supports the efforts of oppressed Palestinians in their unwavering pursuit of their inherent and indisputable rights against occupation and aggression.

Madam President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Pakistan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as the statement delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of

Belarus on behalf of the Like-minded Group with regard to unilateral coercive measures imposed on several Member States of UNIDO which has had severe negative implications on their sustainable industrial development, and would like to add some comments at its national capacity as follows:

The Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to the role and activities of UNIDO aiming at discharging its mandate and commends its consensual relevant initiatives, activities and programs during past years.

Despite UNIDO's outstanding achievements, huge challenges still prevent fulfilling its mandate, such as poverty, unemployment, hunger, climate change, long standing implications of Covid-19 and forced-migration, especially in developing countries. Those challenges will not be mitigated, except by fair, pervasive, inclusive, sustainable and balanced development.

Without extensive cooperation at the national, regional and international level achieving the SDGs will be very difficult. Such cooperation should be mindful of our common destiny and joint commitment towards implementation of human responsibilities.

A common destiny requires a common goal. But this does not mean that the responsibilities of all are the same. It would be impossible to achieve the post 2015 SDGs without considering these responsibilities of States and their share in creating the current status quo.

Provision of means of implementation of the SDGs is a vital factor and developed countries are expected to fulfill their commitments on provision of financial resources, transfer of technology and capacity building, without politicizing this process. The UN and UNIDO have pivotal role in enhancing cooperation and partnership at regional and international levels.

In this context, we also firmly believe that cultural diversity; sensitivities; different national realities, capacities, priorities, levels of development; domestic laws and regulations; religious beliefs; and cultural values should be duly respected while considering implementing SDGs and also in any future activities of UNIDO.

Madam President,

I would like to remind of the joint commitment to ISID, which calls on all of us to ensure that no one is left behind in line with the Lima Declaration “Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development”.

Regretfully, despite all these constructive steps, there are some Member States who are under illegal, immoral and inhumane Unilateral Coercive Measures (UCMs) imposed on them by certain State. Those measures and their extraterritorial impacts impede the international cooperation and multilateralism, and are in contravention with UN Charter and mandate of UNIDO. We urge the DG to engage constructively with the Member States affected by UCMs with the aim of their benefiting of UNIDO projects, allocating unearmarked budgets and shielding them from ongoing unfair discrimination.

Madam President,

We support UNIDO's continued efforts to play a leading role in furnishing the interested countries with adequate financial resources and high-tech supports, within the area of science, technology and innovation.

In this regard and in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework with the Islamic Republic of Iran (UNSDCF) and UNIDO's new Country Program, complete preparation for cooperation in the field of UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the UNIDO's inclusive and sustainable industry development (ISID), we would like to

strengthen cooperation with other developing countries in various fields of industry, mining, technology transfer and technical and engineering services.

My delegation would also like to stress on the priority of the provision of capacity building, technical assistance and transfer of technology to the Member States in particular developing countries which is the main pillar of the Organization and supports initiatives of South-South and triangular cooperation. To this end, Iran appreciates the role and support of donor countries. However, we would like to emphasize that such support should be corresponding to the demands of Members State and not driven by priorities of donors.

Further, underlining Iran advantages in some industrial fields and its abilities to provide high quality technical and engineering services, we suggest establishment of Iran Investment and Technology Promotion Office with the help of UNIDO aiming to increase bilateral and regional cooptation.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate Iran appreciation for UNIDO's role and activities to achieve its objectives and also reaffirm our support to UNIDO's activities in Iran.

I thank you Madam President.