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**Written Statement**  
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**General Debate**

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*Excellencies, dear colleagues, distinguished guests,*

- I am delighted to be here today as Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).
- PAM is an international parliamentary organization of 32 Member States from the Euro-Mediterranean and the Gulf regions, with Permanent Observer Status at the UNGA, and which will soon become a proud Observer member of UNIDO.
- In this regard, I wish to commend the recent UNIDO Industrial Development Board decision to authorize DG Gerd Müller to sign a cooperation agreement with PAM.
- We have the same common values, and we are also very well aware of the importance of an effective and reinforced cooperation between international organizations vis-à-vis the global challenges we are faced with today.
- Such cooperation will be based on three crucial aspects:
  - First, we must work together on **advancing the SDGs** at a global and regional level. We must ensure we continue to work on food security and safety, improving sustainable food supply chains and aim at **Ending Hunger** once and for all;
  - we must remain committed to more ambitious climate actions, accelerating net-zero plans and climate resilient industrial development strategies, for which we are putting much hope on the **COP28**;
  - We must encourage the diffusion of innovation technologies to foster the digital transition and face **the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution**.



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In this regard, I wish to remind that PAM is launching a **Parliamentary Community for Renewable Energy**, which, in line with all the SDGs, is aimed at reinforcing the energy security and a sustainability of our regions. We will further discuss the issue at the Second **PAM Marrakesh Economic Forum**, in June 2024.

Furthermore, our cooperation could prove to be strategic in the much-needed reconstruction processes in disaster-stricken areas or war-thorn zones, such as **Syria, Libya, Gaza** and **Ukraine**. In this regard, PAM has been involved in providing humanitarian assistance and in promoting the establishment of humanitarian pauses and corridors, while reaffirming the principles enshrined in the UN Charter in full respect of sovereignty, territorial integrity and freedom of its Member States.

Our Assembly stands ready to work with UNIDO to implement further actions in this regard.

Last but not least, PAM stands ready to facilitate the **resumption of the cooperation** between UNIDO and those **PAM Member States** that are no longer Members of **UNIDO**, on specific and tailored strategies that are aimed at facing today's global challenge, which require a common and coordinated approach.

Thank you all.