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Bangladesh Statement on Agenda Item 03: *Annual Report of the DG for 2023*

Madam President (*Ambassador Gabriela Salner of Austria*),

I congratulate you for your election as the President of this session. I am confident that under your able leadership, this IDB session would be very productive.

My delegation takes this opportunity to sincerely thank the outgoing President, distinguished Permanent Representative of Sudan, and his bureau for their valuable contribution to the work of the Board.

Madam President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the G77 and China. I would make a few comments in my national capacity.

My delegation thanked the DG for the significant progress made in the implementation of UNIDO's projects and programmes, specially the 25% increase in technical cooperation delivery in 2023. We highly commend UNIDO for its projects and programmes in the areas of climate and environmental sustainability, food security and renewable energy.

We also take note of the thoughtful statement of the Director General delivered at the opening of this session. We appreciate his vision and ambition for the future of UNIDO and call for a shared responsibility of global action for the benefit of all.

Madam President,

Bangladesh values UNIDO's significant role to improve industrial productivity and competitiveness of the private sector in Bangladesh by enhancing export capability and environmental sustainability. We commend UNIDO's project with Pran Agro-Processing whereby it intends to double the national dairy production by 2025 making Bangladesh milk sufficient.

We also appreciate its 'Switch to Circular Economy Value Chains' project with a view to bring a significant transformation for the textile and garment industry in Bangladesh as well as the 'Sustainable plastic use and prevention of marine litter pollution' project in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is keen to see further growth in our bilateral partnership with UNIDO to improve environmentally sound development of the power sector, enhancing export capability and environmental sustainability of our industries, promoting sustainable supply and value chains, and improving food safety mechanism.

Madam President,

We are pleased to recall that Bangladesh, considering the key importance of ensuring efficient and fair supply chain in industrialization, steered a resolution on 'developing resilient and sustainable supply chain' during the General Conference of UNIDO last year. This resolution would allow UNIDO take more programme and projects to support countries and economies to promote supply chain resilience.

We expect that UNIDO will help the developing member states to build their capacity to extract more equitable share within the global supply chain to make it more productive, resilient, and sustainable as well as fair and just.

Madam President,

We are facing global crises which threaten our common future. We must take decisive action to address poverty, climate change and the accelerating loss of biodiversity and resources critical for the survival of humankind. We thank UNIDO for organizing a side event during the COP29 where Bangladesh actively participated as panelist.

We are encouraged by the Director-General's active engagements with multilateral institutions, UN agencies and donors to enhance multi-agency coordination to build technical competence, enhance productivity and expand opportunities for a wider scale of inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Madam President,

Bangladesh considers UNIDO as a reliable partner in the industrialization of the economies of the global South. We, therefore, encourage UNIDO to explore ways to enhance its capabilities and resources to meet the huge expectations and confidence of the developing countries that it enjoys.

I would like to reaffirm Bangladesh's full commitment to UNIDO to this goal and look forward to continuing an intensive and effective collaboration.

I thank you, Madam President.
