

**Statement of the Republic of Poland
on the occasion of the 52nd session of the UNIDO
Industrial Development Board**

Agenda item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2023

Madam President, Your Excellency,

I would like to begin with our congratulations on your election as chair of the 52nd session of the Industrial Development Board. Let me assure you of Poland's full support for the success of the session. I would also like to express our thanks to the outgoing Bureau of the 51st session of the IDB with the chair Ambassador of Sudan, His Excellency Mr. Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour.

Poland associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union. Now allow me to present some additional remarks from our national perspective.

Poland is a reliable and active member of UNIDO. We participate in important events organized by UNIDO, which constitute an added value to our membership. We highly appreciated our participation in the Second Regional Conference for new development partners in the European Union organized in June, we were also pleased in October with the opportunity to co-organize in Warsaw the regional launch of the UNIDO Industrial Development Report 2024 with participation of the Deputy Director General Mr. Yuko Yasunaga and to take an active role as a speaker by a representative of the Polish government at the UNIDO's Multilateral Industrial Policy Forum in Riyadh.

I would like to emphasize that as the 16th largest contributor to the regular budget of UNIDO we always pay our assessed contributions in full amount and within the indicated deadlines. Moreover, we traditionally allocate undeveloped budget funds – the so called Unutilized Balances - for the implementation of UNIDO projects.

We have come a long way from being a beneficiary of UNIDO's activity to the position of a country which shares our knowledge with interested parties on how to transform their economies and which supports them financially within the scope of existing possibilities.

We have decided to get committed and involved into a project led by UNIDO for Rwanda, which is aimed to *"Strengthen Rwanda's capacities to respond to industrial and natural hazards"*. In terms of the ongoing war and our support to Ukraine - apart from numerous activities undertaken on national level - we are engaged in the UNIDO's *"Green Industrial Recovery Programme for Ukraine 2024-2028"*. We see this program as a very valuable and timely one and have decided to support it financially.

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. It is also worth to know that the principle of sustainable development is laid down in Article 5 of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland as a horizontal principle pointing out at a general guideline for all public policies.

We are looking forward to continue our intensive and effective cooperation with UNIDO.

Thank you for your attention.