

PHILIPPINE STATEMENTS

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Madam President,

The Philippines aligns itself with the statement of the Group-77 and China, and would like to make the following statement in our national capacity.

We extend our congratulations to you Madam President, and the other members of the Bureau, on your election. We commend Ambassador Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour and his Bureau for successfully steering the IDB's 51st session, and thank the Secretariat for the excellent preparations for this meeting.

Madam President,

We take note of Director General Gerd Müller's comprehensive report on UNIDO's 2023 Annual Report, which highlights the Organization's progress on inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) amid complex global challenges.

In particular, the Philippines takes note of the 44% increase in UNIDO's resource mobilization and the 25% growth in technical cooperation delivery across priority areas, namely, clean energy and climate action; ending hunger through sustainable agribusiness; and sustainable supply chains, all of which closely align with the Philippine priorities in achieving the SDGs. We commend UNIDO for pursuing its Gender Strategy for 2020-2023, with 53% of its programs contributing to gender equality and 70% achieving satisfactory ratings for gender mainstreaming.

The Philippines also takes note of the Director General's report that UNIDO exceeded its targets for most of the selected indicators in the five results areas under its Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF) 2022–2025 during the 2022–2023 biennium.

Madam President,

In our statement delivered on this agenda item at the 40th Programme and Budget Committee, we highlighted the completion of the Philippines-UNIDO Country Programming Framework (CPF) 2019–2023.

The Philippines values its partnership with UNIDO, exemplified by the successful Philippines-UNIDO Country Programming Framework (CPF) 2019–2023. Under this framework, the Philippines is the recipient of 12 ongoing technical cooperation projects amounting to about USD 22.7 million across food security, waste management, and industrial decarbonization. These were made possible through UNIDO's collaboration with donor countries and institutions, whose contributions are much appreciated.

With the first Philippine CPF cycle successfully concluded, we are pleased to note that the development of the second CPF framework is already underway. We encourage UNIDO to expedite its finalization. We appreciate UNIDO's ongoing coordination with the Philippine National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), ensuring that the CPF framework aligns with the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028, AmBisyon Natin 2040, and our 2024–2028 Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework signed in October 2023.

Finally, Madam President,

The Philippines attaches great importance to the work of the Industrial Development Board as one of the policymaking organs of UNIDO. We reiterate our commitment to working constructively within the Board to advance the Organization's mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

We look forward to maintaining our collaboration with UNIDO and Member States to achieve meaningful progress, guided by the spirit of consensus and partnership.