

Thailand's Statement
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Agenda Item 3: Annual Report of the Director General for 2023

Madam President,

1. Thailand would like to express our sincere congratulations on your election as the President of the 52nd Session of the IDB and to all members of the Bureau. You can rest assured of my Delegation's full support and cooperation. My delegation wishes to thank the outgoing President, His Excellency Ambassador Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour of Sudan, and his Bureau for their valuable work. Our appreciation extends to the Director General and the Secretariat for their hard work in organizing this session.

Madam President,

2. Thailand aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and wishes to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

3. Thailand commends the Director General and the Secretariat for the comprehensive Annual Report, which highlights UNIDO's significant accomplishment in 2023. Among these achievements are a remarkable 25% increase in technical cooperation activities and a record-high \$328.4 million in technical cooperation funds, marking an unprecedented milestone for UNIDO.

4. Thailand supports the strategic priorities of UNIDO, including clean energy and climate action, ending hunger, and building resilient and sustainable supply chains, which share a strong alignment with its Bio-Circular-Green Economic Model. Thailand reaffirms its commitment to working closely with UNIDO and believes that UNIDO's expertise can support the country in achieving these common goals.

5. Thailand urges UNIDO to expand technical cooperation to support sustainable industrial development, SMEs inclusion, and digital technology adoption, tailored to middle-income countries. Thailand also encourage greater regional collaboration through South-South and triangular cooperation for sharing knowledge and best practices.

6. Thailand welcomes the Director General's reform initiatives. As a host of UNIDO's Sub-Regional Office, Thailand underscores its vital role in supporting Member States and commends the appointment of a new Representative. We urge UNIDO to expedite the implementation of field structure reform and regional strategies to enhance collaboration between field offices and Member States, advancing our shared goals and fostering new partnerships.

7. Finally, Thailand reaffirms its commitments to collaborating with and supporting UNIDO's mandate to achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) and advance the Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring shared prosperity and sustainable growth for all.

Thank you.