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Madam Chair,

1. At outset let me congratulate on your election as President of this 52nd session of the IDB. Be assured, Madame Ambassador, Gabriela Sellner, of the full support and cooperation of my delegation.
2. I would also like to thank His Excellency Ambassador Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour, Permanent Representative of Sudan, President of the 51st session, along with the members of the Bureau, for their dedication and tireless work during the previous session.
3. My Delegation commends Mr. Gerd Muller, Director General of UNIDO, for his unwavering commitment in addressing the challenges facing our Organization and his valuable contributions to supporting developing countries in their industrialization journeys

Madam Chair,

1. My delegation takes note of the annual report of the Director-General for 2023, and commends the significant achievements and efforts of UNIDO and its Director General, in guiding the Organization's transformation, enhancing its ability to mobilize resources, promoting industrial sustainable development, despite all the challenges that the Organization had faced over the past years.
2. Morocco reaffirms the great importance it attaches to all the initiatives, activities and programs implemented by the Organization and supports the Director General and the Secretariat to continue their efforts to fully implement the Organization's mandate.
3. The Kingdom of Morocco welcomes the substantial 44% increase in resource mobilization for technical cooperation in 2023, amounting to \$328.4 million and recognize that the 25% increase in technical cooperation delivery, reflecting donors' sustained confidence in UNIDO's capacity to drive sustainable development.
4. In this context, my delegation reiterates that strengthening, expanding, and generalizing the Program for Country Partnerships (PCPs) to other Member States will undoubtedly play a central role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Madam Chair,

5. It is imperative to invest in innovative, sustainable, and inclusive technologies, taking into account that we are embarking in a new industrial era. We believe that UNIDO plays a pivotal role in fostering equitable globalization by developing, in collaboration with Member States, innovative strategies aiming at promoting growth while adhering to principles of social and environmental justice.
6. In this regard, the Kingdom of Morocco is fully committed to being a part of this transformative journey as well as to being a forerunner in driving innovation and sustainable development. This commitment is rooted in the insightful vision of His Majesty King Mohammed VI embodied in our new development model that recognizes the need for an equitable, resilient, and sustainable industrial growth.
7. UNIDO's projects in Morocco are fully aligned with our national priorities, focusing on sustainable consumption, circular economy, energy efficiency, and green hydrogen. By strengthening our partnership with UNIDO through the PCP, Morocco is committed to fostering industrial sustainability, reducing carbon emissions, and accelerating the green transition.

8. Aware of the significant challenges related to decarbonizing the industrial sector, Morocco has placed this goal at the core of its priorities. Our aim is to build a green and carbon-neutral national industry while reinforcing energy sovereignty.
9. Indeed, the success of the automotive sector in Morocco, one of the most decarbonized platform in the world, is breaking records every year in both production and exports. This is what makes Morocco attractive to build automotives and this is what made the Morocco platform grow that fast and reach a level of one million capacity per year to be built by 2025.

Madam Chair,

1. Equitable globalization and a sustainable industrial future are collective objectives that aim to place developing countries and economies in transition on the path toward economic and social prosperity. It is relevant to mention that the Rabat Declaration, adopted on February 6, 2024, during the High-Level Ministerial Conference on Middle-Income Countries, in which UNIDO was partner, underscores the need for a paradigm shift in international cooperation to promote fair, inclusive, and just transitions toward sustainable development.
2. In this context, my delegation emphasizes the importance of South-South and triangular cooperation in addressing the real development needs of countries, by the implementation of concrete projects for the benefit of several countries.
3. The Kingdom of Morocco stands ready to share its experiences, upon request within the framework of the PCP, particularly in sustainable water management, circular economy, and the green transition of industrial value chains in sectors such as textiles, plastics, agro-food, and construction.
4. In closing, the Kingdom of Morocco remains fully committed to supporting UNIDO's mandate, programs, and initiatives aimed at accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Thank you for your attention