

Statement of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.**Agenda Item 3 - Annual report of the Director General for 2023**

Madam Chair,

Pakistan aligns itself with the statement of G-77 and China on this agenda item and have following remarks in our national capacity.

Madam Chair,

I join other colleagues in congratulating your Excellency Ambassador Dr. Gabriela Sellneron the Permanent Representative of our kind host-Austria, on your election as Chair of this 52nd session of the Industrial Development Board and repose full trust of my delegation in your able leadership. I also wish to extend our felicitations to the other elected members of the Bureau.

Madam Chair,

We wish to extend our gratitude to Director General Muller and UNIDO Secretariat for presenting the Annual Report of UNIDO for the year 2023. The report reflects UNIDO's activities and achievements in the past year and also provides a platform for activities in the following year. We are happy to note that UNIDO has achieved several milestones towards our mutual goal of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) which is the core mandate of UNIDO.

The global poly-crises including the effects of COVID-19, climate change, geopolitical conflicts and global inflation has disproportionately affected the developing world, we fully agree with the Director General, that the poorest people in developing countries are being hit the hardest and that we need to mobilize huge investments in development, innovation and in solutions which are needed specifically in developing countries.

Madam Chair

We note with appreciation that in 2023, funds mobilization for UNIDO's technical cooperation set a new milestone the technical cooperation delivery stood at value of \$225.2 million and projects were implemented in 118 countries. Moreover, the Organization increased its funds mobilization by 44 per cent, reaching a total of \$328.4 million. Contributions from the Global Environment Facility and the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol also increased, leading to approvals of \$60.4 million and \$29.3 million respectively.

We particularly note the following initiatives of UNIDO

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- UNIDO accelerated climate action and promoted the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency through the Industrial Deep Decarbonization Initiative (IDDI).
- To promote the production and use of green hydrogen, UNIDO launched the international standards methodology to assess GHG emissions related to the production and use of hydrogen and supported the COP28 Hydrogen Action Agenda and initiatives of the International Hydrogen Trade Forum.
- UNIDO initiated the Accelerate-to-Demonstrate Facility with the United Kingdom.
- The Global Eco-Industrial Parks Programme funded by Switzerland helped create more competitive and sustainable industrial parks by adopting circular economy practices and advancing climate change mitigation strategies.
- To create a world without hunger, UNIDO adopted blended financing solutions with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to advance the Agrifood Systems Transformation Accelerator for sustainable agricultural and agro-industrial development.

- UNIDO promoted fair and sustainable supply chains by helping companies take advantage of smart technologies and artificial intelligence (AI).
- The Global Eco-Industrial Parks Programme (GEIPP), set up in 2018 and funded by the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs of Switzerland moved into its second phase.

Madam Chair,

Pakistan's Country programme with UNIDO for the year (2018-22) had been completed successfully. The Country Programme had 09 Projects with a total Budget of \$71 million. We are currently negotiating a Country Partnership Program with UNIDO, Our priority areas for the program are

- Clean Energy Transition of Electric Vehicle infrastructure
- Export Processing Zones/Industry Value Chain including agro-processing, textile and leather.
- Green and sustainable Mineral including marble, gems and jewellery value chains.

Moreover, Development of Green Hydrogen, Just Energy transition, Industrial Decarbonization remain our priority areas for cooperation with UNIDO. We are thankful to the Director General and the Secretariat for the

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assistance provided in completion of the country program and for their interest in the country partnership program with Pakistan.

With these remarks we take note of UNIDO's Annual Report 2023 and document IDB.52/3.