

## UNIDO IDB.52

### Statement ITA under item 13. UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The document of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee dated 18 November 2024 and titled “Report of the Thirteenth Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC) meeting” contain the following wordings:

- In paragraph 14. **OAC’s Recommendations in relation to the Assurance Review Report**, letter b, point v: “A clear and transparent communication plan, including a timeline for the ongoing reform process, which had been more or less a moving target **over the last 4 years**”.
- In paragraph 17. **UNIDO Reform Process**: “The OAC has observed that the reform process within the Organization **is still ongoing after four (4) years** and Senior Management has not communicated a clear timeline for completion of the reform”.

The two aforementioned passages contain a clear material mistake, observing that the Director General has been elected in November 2021 by the 19<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNIDO, so exactly three (3) years ago, and the reform process has been announced only in the first month of 2022, thus less than 3 years ago. Any reference to a period of four (4) years, as reported in the OAC document, is consequently incorrect and misleading.

Italy kindly ask the Secretariat to record this remark, as appropriate, in the proceedings of the IDB.52.