



**G-77 and China statement during
the 52nd session of the Industrial Development Board,
25-27 November 2024,
delivered by H.E. Laura Gil,
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Colombia**

Item 9 - Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries

Madam President,

1. The Group of 77 and China takes note of the report provided by the Director General on inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries (MICs). We recognize the diverse challenges and significant contributions of MICs in achieving global development objectives, particularly in the areas of poverty reduction, economic growth, and environmental sustainability. UNIDO's tailored approach to partnering with MICs aligns with our priorities and supports these countries in navigating the complex pathways of industrialization and sustainable development particularly sustainable development goal (SDG) #9.

2. We take note of the establishment of the Global Alliance for Responsible and Green Minerals, and we call on UNIDO to enhance cooperation in order to enable developing countries benefit from the mining industry and build their value chain, taking into account that such cooperation can make a valuable contribution to the economic development of many developing countries.

3. We appreciate UNIDO's efforts in fostering partnerships and convening platforms such as the Multilateral Industrial Policy Forum, which will facilitate knowledge exchange on sustainable industrial policy among MICs. We believe that such platforms are key for enabling MICs to access resources, expertise, and innovative solutions that support inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

4. The Group of 77 and China looks forward to the High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries to be hosted by the Philippines on 28-29 April 2025 in Manila, Philippines. The Conference aims to build on the Rabat Declaration on Middle-Income Countries towards the elaboration of a programme of action for Middle-Income Countries. We encourage UNIDO to continue to incorporate issues related to the specific needs of Middle-Income Countries in its work plan, in addition to its focus on the industrial development of LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS.

Thank you, Madam President.