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**Chair,**

1. My delegation associates itself with the statements of the G77 and China, as well as the African Group, and the Arabe Group, and would like to make the following comments on a national capacity.
2. 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

**Chair,**

1. My delegation welcomes the Director-General's Annual Report for 2024 and commends the efforts of UNIDO and its Director General in leading the Organization's transformation, enhancing its capacity to mobilize resources, and promoting sustainable industrial development, despite the many challenges faced in recent years.
2. Morocco welcomes the significant progress presented in the report, particularly in technical cooperation, where a record amount of USD 663.6 million was mobilized, reflecting a 29% increase compared to the previous year. This achievement underscores the collective commitment to sustainable, inclusive, and resilient industrialization, particularly in areas such as access to clean energy, green industrialization, and value chain modernization.
3. My delegation commends the success of initiatives such as the Industrial Park Leadership Training Programme, the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme Accelerator, and the Global Alliance on AI for Industry and Manufacturing Centre of Excellence. These programmes are well aligned with Morocco's national strategies for industrial development, innovation, and sustainable growth, and contribute significantly to the achievement of its economic and environmental objectives.
4. In this regard, Morocco reiterate the importance of strengthening and expanding the Program for Country Partnerships (PCPs) to other Member States, which will undoubtedly play a key role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Chair,**

5. As the world undergoes profound industrial shifts propelled by technological advances and urgent environmental and social challenges, the need to invest in sustainable, inclusive, and future-oriented approaches has never been more pressing. In this context, Morocco values its dynamic and growing partnership with UNIDO, grounded in a common commitment to equitable and responsible development.
6. This strong collaboration has taken shape through tangible initiatives, including the signing of joint declarations aimed at fostering cooperative industrial projects with a clear emphasis on decarbonization and the circular economy. These joint efforts demonstrate our mutual resolve to shape resilient economies where sustainability and social inclusion are central pillars.
7. Within the framework of the global UNIDO-led "SWITCH to Circular Economy Value Chains" (SWITCH2CE) project, co-funded by the European Union and the Government of Finland, the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco has launched on April 2025

the process of preparing its National Circular Economy Roadmap, marking a major milestone in the country's efforts to transition toward a more sustainable and resource-efficient economic model.

8. This roadmap will provide a strategic and actionable plan to accelerate Morocco's shift to a circular economy, and will aim to align Morocco's economic model with global sustainability goals while positioning the country as a regional leader in circular innovation.

**Chair,**

12. It is worth emphasizing that, as noted in the UNIDO 2024 Annual Report, Morocco has transitioned from its traditional role as an aid recipient to becoming a key player in South-South cooperation, serving as a strategic bridge between Europe, the Arab world, and Africa. With solid industrial foundations and forward-looking strategies, the Kingdom significantly contributes to regional integration and strives to serve as a model for inclusive, innovation-driven development.
13. My delegation expresses its confidence that UNIDO will continue to play a key role in accelerating regional industrial cooperation and fostering more equitable opportunities by promoting knowledge-sharing, technology transfer, and sustainable industrial practices. In this context, my delegation reiterates the importance of South-South and triangular industrial cooperation as effective mechanisms to respond to the real development needs of countries—notably in Africa—through the implementation of concrete, impact-driven projects that support inclusive industrial development and sustainable economic growth.
14. In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that in May 2025, Morocco organized in Rabat, the first PAGE Regional Academy dedicated to Africa, bringing together seven countries from the continent around a major challenge: financing a just transition to green and circular economies.
15. Organized as part of the Green Synergy Week by five United Nations agencies, including UNIDO, this unprecedented event marked a decisive milestone in African South-South cooperation, that enables the sharing of expertise and experiences, and strengthens South-South collaboration towards a just transition to sustainable, low-carbon, and circular economies.
16. In closing, the Kingdom of Morocco reiterates its unwavering support for UNIDO's mandate, programs, and initiatives aimed at accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development. We remain fully committed to working alongside the Organization to build a green, innovative, and inclusive industrial future.

**Thank you for your attention**