

Statement

made by the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany

during the 17th session of UNIDO's General Conference

Opening session

Ambassador Friedrich Däuble

Thank you Chair,

Madam President, [H.E. Ms. Alena KUPCHYNA, PR of Belarus]

allow me to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 17th session of the UNIDO General Conference, as well as other members of the bureau on their election. I am confident that with your experience and diplomatic skills, we will have a very successful session. I also take this opportunity to convey my special thanks to the outgoing bureau for the commendable work. I wish to thank the Secretariat for the organization of this Conference.

Dear Director General Li, on behalf of Minister Müller and the German Federal Government, I congratulate you on your re-election for a second term. My Government supported your candidature right from the beginning. We are convinced that your commitment, your efforts and your leadership are coming at the right time in order to reach UNIDO's goals and to foster inclusive and sustainable economic development and industrialization in the developing countries. UNIDO has the potential and the experience to leverage important contributions from the private sector to job-creating projects in countries that are in need.

Germany aligns itself with the statement made by the European Union and with the draft resolutions that were initiated or endorsed by the European Union.

UNIDO continues to be a partner to the G20, as we saw in particular during the Chinese and German presidencies. Given the strong backing of the G20 for the entirety of the 2030 Agenda, UNIDO is well placed in this context to deliver on its ambition for "Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development", pursuing all three dimensions of sustainability - economic, social and environmental - in a balanced way. UNIDO's mandate is enshrined in the Sustainable Development Goal No. 9.: Industrialization, Innovation, Infrastructure.

Germany is committed to stay a dedicated member state of UNIDO. We cooperate with UNIDO in a number of projects, for example

- within the pharmaceutical sector in African countries,
- establishing a databank on industrialization within the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, and
- within the context of your "Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO)", recently opened in Bonn, Germany.

This month, Bonn has hosted and technically supported the COP23 conference on climate as well. We welcomed the presence of UNIDO at the COP 23 and the launch of a cooperation with the Institute for the World Economy in the city of Kiel on "Global Industry 4.0". Partnerships like these add to UNIDO's strength UNIDO as a knowledge provider UNIDO can reinforce its mandate, if we continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our work and focus less on procedure but more on results. For Germany, this is the most effective approach to strengthen the entire UN system.

The Federal Government of Germany remains fully committed to support UNIDO's work and endeavors in the years to come.

Thank you Madame President.

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