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Bangladesh National Statement

Madam President,
Director General Li Yong (if he is present at that time)
Excellencies,
Ladies & Gentlemen,

Good afternoon.

Madam President,

At the outset, let me congratulate you and other officials of the bureau for the election. We are confident that under your able stewardship, we shall have successful outcome for this Conference. We also thank the President of the previous session for her commendable work.

I would also like to congratulate Director General Yong for his re-appointment. His leadership for the organization is outstanding and we are confident that he will continue the excellent work for the second term.

Madam President,

To achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development, our challenges are many.

Bangladesh has so far achieved more than 7% GDP growth rate and the contribution of industry sector to GDP has risen to 32%. We target to generate double-digit growth rate and 37% contribution of the industry sector by 2021 to achieve our Vision 2021.

To support the structural transformation of the economy, Bangladesh is implementing mega initiatives like the Padma multipurpose bridge, 100 new special economic zones (SEZs), first-ever nuclear plant in Rooppur, Pyra Sea Port, and so on. We are promoting private entrepreneurs, facilitating investors from home and abroad with policy support and establishment of industrial estates, industrial parks and Export Processing Zones (EPZs).

We urge all stakeholders, including UNIDO, to support us in our efforts to reduce the investment gap, build productive capacities and competitiveness, to strengthen the SMEs, and to generate more employment for our youth, all of which lead to ISID.

Madam President,

As LDC chair, Bangladesh is concerned that the LDCs are struggling to achieve the objectives of the Istanbul Plan of Action (IPOA). Average GDP growth rate, international trade, structural transformation, and graduation - all indicators are far below than expected despite the best efforts by the LDCs.

We must pay due attention to ensure deeper market access, enhanced investment flow, appropriate transfer of technologies, and increased productive capacities for LDCs to graduate and sustain. Bangladesh stresses on effective implementation of IPOA, the 2030 Agenda and other development-related outcomes to ensure LDC interests. We are confident that, at the same time, UNIDO will support the implementation of the directives of the 7th LDC Ministerial and the previous ministerial meetings.

Madam President,

Before I conclude, I would like to thank UNIDO and its country team for significant contribution to the national programme and I strongly believe that our collaboration will grow from strength to strength.

I would also like to reiterate Bangladesh's full support for UNIDO's objectives and work programme.

Thank you, Madam President.