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Thank you Chair

Good morning/afternoon

I wish to congratulate you, Madam President, and the members of the bureau on their election. My delegation is committed to fully supporting you and your team to achieving the objectives of this session. We wish to convey our gratitude to the outgoing Chair and the bureau for their excellent work. I take this opportunity to thank UNIDO's Director General and the Secretariat for impeccable arrangements and preparation of documents for this session, as well as briefings to and dialogues with the Permanent Missions that have led UNIDO to become a more Member-driven and Member-responsive organisation.

Pakistan aligns itself with the statements of the Group of 77 & China and the Asia-Pacific Group of Member States of UNIDO.

**Madam President,**

Felicitating UNIDO at its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, acknowledging the important role it has played in industrial development over the past five decades, and wishing UNIDO more success in future, I take this opportunity to underscore that as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UNIDO, Pakistan-UNIDO cooperation nears its golden jubilee since the inception of UNIDO office in Pakistan in 1968. During our history of successful en-

agement, UNIDO has implemented over 50 projects in Pakistan covering many industrial sectors, including:

- Global Cleantech Innovation Programme;
- Trade Related Technical Assistance Programme;
- Sustainable Energy Initiatives; and
- Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme.

Pakistan has already initiated the process of Venture Capital Fund for Global Cleantech Innovation Programme. The continuation of the next phase of Global Cleantech Innovation Programme II will ensure women and youth empowerment. we are working eagerly towards achieving its objectives.

Another highlight of Pakistan-UNIDO cooperation during 2016 was the completion of the second phase of the EU-funded six-year Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA II) Programme. UNIDO as the lead implementing agency, together with cooperating agencies i.e. International Trade Centre (ITC) and World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), assisted in the development of trade policy, improvement of business environment for trade including support to trade dispute resolution organisation (TDRO), quality infrastructure development, export development and strengthening of intellectual property rights system.

As rightly pointed out by Director General Li Yong, the impact of the TRTA programme would not be complete without replicating and scaling-up UNIDO's interventions, Pakistan welcomes UNIDO's technical assistance in the field of value-chain interventions and development of industrial clusters, for the Punjab province, in cooperation with the World Bank and the Punjab Small Industries Corporation.

Pakistan-UNIDO industrial development cooperation owes to a mutually beneficial interaction between the public and private sectors. Based on our past experience of involving public-private partnership and multiple donors' base, and recent experience of engaging Development Finance Institutions, Pakistan invites UNIDO to develop a Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) for Pakistan in line with Pakistan's Vision 2025 to achieve the sustainable development goals as set out in Agenda 2030. In this regard, we look forward to the PCP mid-term review in 2017.

**Madam President,**

The human and economic loss triggered by security-related incidents as a consequence of war on terrorism since 2001 have been huge and rather unfathomable for Pakistan. Nevertheless, the resolve of our people, the vision of our political leadership and the commitment of our civil and military administration continue to defeat any evil designs and sustain an environment conducive to economic growth and prosperity and achieve the sustainable development goals agreed to as part of Agenda 2030 in September 2015.

In this regard, we welcome the One-Belt-One-Road initiative, which is in harmony with the infrastructure development in Pakistan with the assistance of China under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) that will result into 700,000 direct jobs between 2015 and 2030, and add 2 to 2.5 percentage points to Pakistan's annual economic growth.

Pakistan invites UNIDO and its partners to increase their portfolio in Pakistan, concomitant with the massive ongoing infrastructural and industrial development, particularly in the fields of export-led growth, and clean renewable energy.

**Madam President,**

I would like to conclude my opening remarks by reaffirming our belief in UNIDO's capabilities in fulfilling its unique mandate, which overarches several sustainable development goals, in particular SDG 9. Let me also reiterate our commitment to continue supporting UNIDO in its activities, programmes and projects, geared towards eradication of poverty through creation of jobs, ensuring equality through empowerment of women and youth, provision of affordable and reliable clean energy, reducing inequalities within and among countries as well as building resilient infrastructure through promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and fostering innovation.

**Thank you Chair**