

**Statement of Romania, on the occasion of the Forty Fourth Session of the  
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Mrs. Chairperson,

I would like to add few brief remarks in my national capacity, in addition to the statement delivered few days ago by the distinguished representative of Slovakia on behalf of the European Union.

I wish to congratulate you on your election as Chairperson of this session, which takes place in an anniversary context.

UNIDO has an important role to play in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and we support initiatives aimed at fulfilling this role and making it visible. UNIDO can bring a solid contribution across the goals and topics. The organization contributes to sustainable industrialization, innovation and infrastructure, as part of its regular work. We need to streamline our efforts in order to be more effective.

Facing all kind of challenges, during the last 50 years, UNIDO has constantly adapted its policy, by including new perspectives and ideas and developing new projects and programmes. UNIDO represents now an UN Organization, which has in its core mandate the empowering of women, the promotion of sustainable industrialization, the creating of new jobs and the protection of the environment, items, which figure on every country's agenda.

As part of my country's dialogue and cooperation with UNIDO, we were pleased to welcome Director General Li in Romania this spring and discuss further avenues for interaction. On this occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding between UNIDO and the Chamber of Commerce of Romania has been signed. This is a clear recognition of UNIDO's potential and role by economic actors and we are determined to continue to encourage this path.

Mrs. Chairperson,

We already expressed our views on the extension of the Program Country Partnership to other regions of the world. This represents a new path in the future life of the Organization. Romania supports the idea of developing new partnerships in Eastern Europe countries. From this perspective, we strongly support the inclusion of the Republic of Moldova and Albania in the Program Country Partnership. We believe these inclusions will bring added value and will facilitate a better promotion of UNIDO's role.

We are looking forward to work with the Secretariat and Member States towards this end. As one of the speaker said in his speech from yesterday, we all should encourage UNIDO to promote its ideas and implement its programmes, in this manner, that in another 50 years, poverty should be only an idea from the past.

Thank you, Mrs. Chairperson.