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**Madame President,**

The implementation of Decision 39/Dec.7 of the IDB aimed at mitigating the financial situation of the Organisation while also reducing the burden to existing Member States is welcomed by South Africa in so far as it does not negatively impact on the effectiveness of Field Offices. South Africa aligns itself with the positions of the African Group and G77 and China on the ongoing implementation of UNIDO Field Policy and Network.

In optimizing the efficient and effective utilization of available resources through streamlining and rationalisation, South Africa calls upon UNIDO to take in to consideration the following measures; (a) ensure that any adjustment of the field network would not undermine UNIDO's activities with its stakeholders, (b) ensure the continued presence of UNIDO in Member States, and its contribution towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Along these lines, South Africa commends the sterling work done by UNIDO's field office in the service of the African continent.

In conclusion, South Africa as a host to one of the Field Offices responsible for the Southern African region, encourages UNIDO to continue its engagement with Member States on progress made in the implementation of the Field Policy Network.

**I thank you**