



United Arab Emirates Statement 49th session of the Industrial Development Council-13th July 2021

item 3: Annual Report

Read by: H.E. Hamad Alkaabi, Permanent Representative of the UAE to UN & Int. Org. in Vienna.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson

At the outset, I thank the Director General Li Yong, for his comprehensive opening statement and his dedication and efforts to ensure UNIDO continues to function as it intended to, even during the pandemic exceptional situation. My delegation thanks the secretariat for their annual report presented under this agenda item.

The world is still going through exceptional circumstances, the Covid-19 pandemic still poses a great challenge to the international community. Its negative impact is affecting our global development programs and goals. International cooperation has become more urgent than ever. This reporting period has been challenging for the organization and the world, we welcome the response activities taken by UNIDO in this regard and continuing its support to member states.

Madam Chairperson,

My delegation welcomes the 2020 annual and on the progress made in the field of integration, expansion of the country's partnership programmes. We are pleased with expanded level of cooperation with the private sector with the aim of supporting the sustainable development plan and promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

The adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration at the eighteenth session of the UNIDO General Conference in Abu Dhabi 2019 was an important turning point in the work of the organization and its vital role in advancing sustainable development goals. We welcome the Organization's new approach, "Making the Fourth Industrial Revolution work for all", and the efforts to help Member States seize opportunities to advance inclusive economic growth, reduce inequalities, contribute to sustainable development, and to minimize risks such as a widening technology gap, and threats to industrial safety and security.



In cooperation between my country and UNIDO, the third Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS) was held virtually in 2020, breaking new records of attendance with 10,000 participants from 140 countries. At the top of the agenda was digital restoration and how the technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution can restore the global economy and overcome the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 crisis. UAE looks forward to continue working with UNIDO and its member states to advance progress in this area and overcome the challenges.

Achieving the goals of the 2030 sustainable agenda requires greater cooperation and coordination of international efforts at all levels and to make maximum use of innovations and pioneering ideas in the industrial field and best practices.

With these comments, my delegation takes note of the annual report.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson