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**Statement of Pakistan for the
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Agenda Item 11: UNIDO activities in the environment and energy

Madam President,

Pakistan takes note of the report of Director General about UNIDO's activities in the environment and energy.

Pakistan appreciates UNIDO for providing technical assistance and analytical, research and policy advisory services to the Member States for advancing environmentally sustainable industrial development.

The global consultations on circular economy, organised by UNIDO in May 2021, were very useful to promote circular economy principles and provide a global impetus for initiatives related to the circular economy transition, resource efficiency and sustainable consumption and production. The governments, business community, civil society and academia have to join hands and the people need to change their habits for the transition to circular economy.

Madam President,

Climate change is a serious problem especially in developing countries like Pakistan. Our country is amongst the top 10 countries which are most affected by climate change.

Climate change stares us in the face every day as we are forced to cope with recurring floods, chaotic heat waves, melting glaciers as well as rapidly shifting weather patterns.

Pakistan is proud global host of World Environment Day 2021. The theme of this year's Environment Day, Ecosystem Restoration, is at the heart of Prime Minister Imran Khan's Green Vision.

Pakistan is committed to continue playing our due role in countering the climate crisis, protecting biological diversity and promoting ecosystem restoration.

We achieved the goal of planting one billion trees few years back. Now, the Government is making concerted efforts to achieve next goal of ten billion trees named “10 Billion Tree Tsunami”.

The government remains committed to reduce reliance on energy from fossil fuels and increase share of clean energy to 60% by 2030.

This clean energy transition is complemented by the enactment of our first Electric Vehicle policy (2020), which targets 30% of our vehicles to go electric by 2030.

We are also working on shifting towards climate resilient agriculture as well as an initiative to utilize our flood waters for ecosystem restoration and ground water recharge.

We are pleased that UNIDO is working actively for promotion of renewable and alternate energy and promoting the use of indigenous resources, like Biomass in Pakistan. UNIDO’s projects aim to reduce energy-related greenhouse gas emissions by promoting the use of energy efficiency technologies in the selected industrial sectors of Pakistan.

Thank you Madam President.
