

**Statement by Poland on the occasion of
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Madam President,

Let me begin with congratulating you, Madame President on taking on the challenging job of presiding over the 49th session of the IDB. A session that was tasked with the election of the new DG for the 2022-2025 term. I am sure that you will bring along with your bureau members this session of the IDB to completion. I also thank the Secretariat for the work invested in preparing this session.

I would like to reiterate what was said by our Ambassador that we express our congratulations to the new DG, Dr Gerd Müller and wish him all possible success with the tasks which are ahead of him. Simultaneously we express our gratitude and thanks to the DG LI Yong for his guidance and the years in the service of our organization.

Madam President,

Poland fully supports the statements delivered and to be delivered by the distinguished representative of the European Union. However I would like to add some additional remarks from our national perspective.

We are pleased that during this difficult inter-pandemic time, Member States had the opportunity to participate at different forums to share and exchange opinions on different topics of the utmost importance for ISID. To this end the numerous different virtual platforms were used eliminating the risk of contamination among the participants and maximizing the gains of knowledge sharing. We commend UNIDO Secretariat for their digital initiatives and a swift institutional shift. In respect to this approach we are proud that during the recent Vienna Energy Forum 2021 which was convened entirely on-line the delegation of the Polish Youth Climate Council was part of the speakers team. They had the chance to share information on the Polish Energy Policy and launch a new initiative spearheading the climate education into the Polish school curriculum. By working with local communities and educators we will be able to cover complex topics of climate change, preparing a new generation of smart, innovative people and skilled citizens and workers, able to provide solutions to climate change challenges and help us transform our energy system.

We wish ourselves that more and more of such virtual events with valuable input provided by the prominent Polish experts will be organized by UNIDO in the nearest future.

In recent months Poland has introduced or announced a number of strategic documents on social and economic reforms. Some of these

efforts are framed within larger, European Recovery and Resilience facility, with a clear aim at spearheading the twin digital and green transition. We want to continue our path of growth while reducing emissions, digitalizing our economy and administration as well as promoting inclusive and cohesive development that leaves no one behind.

Others are national and sectorial in nature, but bring equally sweeping changes. The New Industrial Policy will be a programme for industrial sectors that will complement, by its sectoral approach, the existing Productivity Strategy. It focuses on industries with high production complexity and high added value generated at the national links of the production chain, as well as representing significant export potential, with the underlying aim of fostering public and private sector dialogue and partnership as a prerequisite for sustainable innovation ecosystem.

In the upcoming months we will also present a new Exports Policy, aimed at increasing Poland's international competitiveness and fostering our ties with other economies, many of which are represented here at this very meeting. We will also put a special emphasis on the role of international organizations, such as UNIDO, for our development.

Finally, a future-oriented 'Polish Deal' vision, announced in recent weeks and waiting operationalization will complement aforementioned programmes with tax incentives, increased

healthcare expenditures and cutting red tape in investment and construction processes.

As every other national delegation in this room, Poland notes with satisfaction the key facts of the UNIDO performance in 2020, although it was not an easy year. However our organization proved to be resilient to the major current challenges of the surrounding world.

We wish only that more of the valuable recommendations presented by different auditing and evaluating bodies both internal and external could be reflected in the procedures which are applied by the organization in order to be even better equipped for tasks to be done while targeting the goals of Agenda 2030.

Poland is ready to be at the front lines of UNIDO activities in every dimension of its programmatic agenda and we look forward to the further fruitful cooperation with all partners interested in making good use of the industrialization for the benefit of the human kind.

Thank you Madam President!