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Madam President, the delegation of Ghana takes note of the report by the Director General on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) as contained in document number IDB.49/13.

2. Ghana aligns itself with the statement by His Excellency Mr. Alejandro Solano Ortiz, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and that of the African Group delivered by Her Excellency Madam Teodolinda Rosa Rodrigues Coelho, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Angola, on the agenda item and would like to make the following brief remarks in our national capacity.

3. We would like to thank UNIDO and all stakeholders for their commitment towards the roadmap for implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) (2016-2025) by initiating and implementing, among others, Country Programmes and Programme for Country Partnerships in various African countries.

4. The road toward the attainment of IDDA III, which is in its mid-term, seems daunting giving the difficult global context. However, Ghana believes that with global commitment, determination, pragmatic national policies, well-meaning partnerships and synergies, we can make progress in the attainment of the objectives of IDDA III. It is for this reason that the President of the Republic of Ghana, His Excellency Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, has accepted to serve as Champion of the IDDA III for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March, 2023. Ghana will deploy efforts to help advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development, particularly, activities that will boost industry and agro-processing in Africa within the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

5. A major shift from the existing design and structure of African economies towards industrialization through increased production, economic diversification, beneficiation of Africa's mineral resources and value-addition to our raw materials and produce, is a critical requirement for the attainment of IDDA III. This is where UNIDO

has a major role to play by continuing to work in partnership with African countries to strengthen their capacities to be able to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the free trade area.

6. In closing, the delegation of Ghana urges UNIDO to sustain and expand its Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development initiatives in Africa.

Thank you, Madam President.