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Mr Chair,

1-Morocco has experienced a rapid industrialization and urbanization in the recent years. Along with the high relevance of agriculture in the economy, this is increasingly confronting the country with environmental and sustainability challenges. For this reason, Morocco is showing political will to advance towards sustainability and the circular economy. In this respect, the National Strategy for Sustainable Development 2030, launched in 2019, sets targets for the timeframe of 2017-2030, identifies operational measures and ensures their monitoring and implementation in the fields of water, energy, forest, agriculture, cities, transport and waste.

2-The impact of the current health crisis on the circular economy agenda is however positive, it will place Circular Economy at the centre of the International Agenda for Sustainable and Inclusive Development. The consequences inherent in the COVID19 pandemic, particularly in terms of the reduction or even the limitation of trade between countries, revealed the need to refocus consumption and production methods at the local level and reduce dependence on resources produced elsewhere.

3-Morocco, as a response, is establishing a stronger and more local economy, including the production of medical equipment and lately anti-Covid 19 vaccine. A new project has been launched last week on July 5th 2021, by His Majesty King Mohammed VI, in order to produce anti-Covid19 vaccine and other vaccines in Morocco, with a production capacity expected to reach 5 million doses of Covid19 vaccine per month in the short-term. This local production of vaccines will of course contribute to a recover from the economic shock as well as to more economic resilience, which resonates with the overall high-prioritised green transition.

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3-The initiatives that continuously benefit the development of the Moroccan industrial sector by promoting the efficient use of resources and CE such as UNIDO's MoroccoPCP and also the decision of Morocco to join, in March 2021 the Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency (GACERE).

4-In order to build a green economy, Morocco has shown its commitment at the highest level of the state in favour of a green growth, both in terms of reflection and action. Its commitment is recognised on the international level, as Morocco leads rankings in climate change and renewable energy, i.e. the 2017 Climate Change Performance Index where ranked Morocco among the top ten most climatically conscious countries.

5-I will conclude by emphasizing UNIDO's role in supplementing the developing countries efforts in CE, by supporting them to become more resource efficient, use cleaner production methods, implement measures to reduce resource use and cut emissions, as part of the transition to inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

Thank you