



European Union

EU Statement on the occasion of the UNIDO Programme and Budget Committee Vienna, 26-28 May 2021

Agenda item 10: “Medium-Term Programme Framework, 2022 - 2025”

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. The following countries align themselves with this statement: Turkey§, the Republic of North Macedonia*, Montenegro*, Serbia*, Albania*, Bosnia and Herzegovina*, Norway+, Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia.
2. The EU and its Member States thank the Secretariat for the proposed Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF) 2022 - 2025, as contained in IDB.49/8-PBC.37/8. We welcome the continuity in strategic direction with the previous MTPF 2018 - 2021 and the further clarification of the UNIDO theory of change. The updated MTPF outlines a clear pathway to implement UNIDO’s mandate in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) and in contributing to advancing the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.
3. The EU and its Member States encourage the Secretariat to build on the improvements made during the previous MTPF cycle and to continue to enhance organizational systems for governance, accountability, results and risk management with a view to ultimately maximizing the impact of UNIDO’s activity. We appreciate the alignment of the MTPF with the results-based budget 2022 - 2023 and the Integrated Results and Performance Framework, and we look forward to a growing and comprehensive set of evidence of our contribution to inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
4. The EU and its Member States note with appreciation the enhanced integration of the four core functions of the Organization - (i) technical cooperation; (ii) analytical and research and policy advisory services; (iii) normative functions and standards-related activities; and (iv) convening function and partnerships - with a view to supporting Member States to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development and to reaffirming the Organisation’s relevance in this area. Finally, we support the central role assigned to the UNIDO Field Network in ensuring programmatic coherence and strategic alignment at country and regional levels and in strengthening UNIDO’s contributions within the United Nations development system reform.
5. With these comments, the EU and its Member States take note of the Medium-Term Programme Framework 2022 - 2025 as contained in IDB.49/8-PBC.37/8.

Thank you, Chair!

§ Candidate Country

* Candidate Countries the Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania as well as potential Candidate Country Bosnia and Herzegovina continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

+ Norway is a member of the EFTA and of the European Economic Area.