African Group

## Agenda Item 7: UNIDO Field Policy and Network

## Madam PRESIDENT

- 31. The Group takes note of the report contained in document PBC.32/7-IDB.44/7 on the operationalization of the field policy action plan and would like to thank the Director General for his briefings and consultations with different regional Groups on UNIDO's field policy and network;
- 32. The Group recognizes the various reasons that required the restructuring of UNIDO's Field network. However, the Group has also noted with concern the downgrading of some key offices on the continent resulting from the implementation of this policy. Therefore, the Group urges UNIDO to pay close attention to the changes, and to ensure that this change does not negatively affect the execution of the organization's programmes in the field;