

Agenda item 5. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the implementation of the Lima Declaration

Madam President,

My delegation takes note of report by the Director General contained in IDB.44/12 and IDB.44/CRP.3 and requests the Secretariat to arrange consultations with Member States at the earliest regarding UNIDO's submission of inputs to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development issues.

We would like to stress that UNIDO plays an active role in addressing several SDGs, which are interlinked and interdependent. In our view, the cross-cutting activities of UNIDO merit global recognition, which is not possible without an adequate portrayal of its activities. Along with important steps taken by the management to increase transparency, there is a need to take more steps towards increasing visibility. Submission of inputs to HLPF is a serious exercise that should be given due importance in order to maintain and enhance UNIDO's relevance in line with Agenda 2030.

Thank you Madam President