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Industrial development cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [49/108](#) of 19 December 1994, [51/170](#) of 16 December 1996, [53/177](#) of 15 December 1998, [55/187](#) of 20 December 2000, [57/243](#) of 20 December 2002, [59/249](#) of 22 December 2004, [61/215](#) of 20 December 2006, [63/231](#) of 19 December 2008, [65/175](#) of 20 December 2010, [67/225](#) of 21 December 2012, [69/235](#) of 19 December 2014, [71/242](#) of 21 December 2016, [73/247](#) of 20 December 2018 and [75/231](#) of 21 December 2020,

Recalling also the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Reaffirming its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also its resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 and its resolution [75/233](#) of 21 December 2020 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system and its general guidelines and principles, as well as its resolution [72/279](#) of 31 May 2018, and welcoming the ongoing efforts of the Secretary-General to better position the United Nations operational activities for development to support countries in their efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda,



Reaffirming further its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Recalling the necessity of a strong United Nations development system and an effective collaboration between the United Nations and the international financial institutions to achieve the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals,

Reaffirming the Paris Agreement,¹ and encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change² that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Reaffirming also the New Urban Agenda, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), held in Quito in October 2016,³

Taking note of the outcome documents of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Nairobi in 2016,⁴ and the fifteenth session, held in Bridgetown in October 2021,⁵

Recalling its resolution [70/293](#) of 25 July 2016 on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (2016–2025), in which it underlined the need for the African continent to take urgent action to advance inclusive and sustainable industrialization as a key element of furthering economic diversification and value addition, building resilient and sustainable infrastructure, creating jobs, fostering innovation and thus reducing poverty and contributing to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and the African Union Agenda 2063,

Recalling also its resolution [72/233](#) of 20 December 2017, in which it proclaimed the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027) and emphasized the essential role of inclusive and sustainable industrial development as part of a comprehensive strategy of structural economic transformation in eradicating poverty,

Recalling further the eighteenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held in Abu Dhabi in November 2019, and the Abu Dhabi Declaration,⁶ and the fifteenth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, held in Lima in December 2013, and the Lima Declaration: towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development,⁷ in which the General Conference notably reaffirmed the unique mandate of the Organization and laid the foundation for its upcoming work to support member States in achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

¹ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

³ Resolution [71/256](#), annex.

⁴ [TD/519](#), [TD/519/Add.1](#), [TD/519/Add.2](#) and [TD/519/Add.2/Corr.1](#).

⁵ [TD/541](#), [TD/541/Add.1](#) and [TD/541/Add.2](#).

⁶ See GC.18/INF/4, resolution GC.18/Res.1.

⁷ See GC.15/INF/4, resolution GC.15/Res.1.

Recalling that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda recognized, inter alia, the critical importance of industrial development for developing countries as a critical source of economic growth, economic diversification and value addition,

Noting the ongoing efforts to implement the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, adopted in March 2022 at the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,⁸ the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, adopted in September 2014 at the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States,⁹ and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, adopted in November 2014 at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries,¹⁰ and recognizing that middle-income countries still face significant challenges in achieving sustainable development and the need, among other things, for improved coordination and better and focused support by the United Nations development system,

Taking note of the Strategic Framework for Partnering with Middle-Income Countries¹¹ adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in its resolution GC.18/Res.9 of 7 November 2019,¹² entitled “Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries”,

Taking note also of the Small Island Developing States Strategy 2019–2025 of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, acknowledged by the General Conference of the Organization in its resolution GC.18/Res.3 of 7 November 2019,¹³

Taking note further of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization strategy for post-conflict/-crisis situations,¹⁴ which was taken note of by the Industrial Development Board of the Organization in its decision IDB.48/Dec.8 of 25 November 2020,¹⁵

Noting that inclusive and sustainable industrial development can effectively contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, integrating, in a balanced manner, the three dimensions of sustainable development,

Recognizing that multi-stakeholder partnerships and the resources, knowledge and ingenuity of the private sector, civil society, the scientific community, academia, philanthropy and foundations, parliaments, local authorities, volunteers and other stakeholders will be important in order to mobilize and share on mutually agreed terms knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources and complement the efforts of Governments,

Noting with great concern the severe negative impact on human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing and implementing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to help to reduce the risk of and build

⁸ Resolution 76/258, annex.

⁹ Resolution 69/15, annex.

¹⁰ Resolution 69/137, annex II.

¹¹ See GC.18/3, decision IDB.47/Dec.7.

¹² See GC.18/INF/4.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ IDB.48/16/Rev.1.

¹⁵ See GC.19/2.

resilience to future shocks, crises and pandemics, including by strengthening health systems and achieving universal health coverage, and recognizing that equitable and timely access for all to safe, quality, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics are an essential part of a global response based on unity, solidarity, renewed multilateral cooperation and the principle of leaving no one behind,

Deeply concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic, owing to its severe disruptions to societies, economies, employment, including self-employment and entrepreneurship, global trade, supply chains and travel, and to agricultural, industrial and commercial systems, is having a devastating impact on sustainable development and humanitarian needs, including on eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, livelihoods, ending hunger, food security and nutrition, education, environmentally sound waste management and access to health-care services, especially for the poor and people in vulnerable situations, in particular in developing countries, including countries in special situations and those countries most affected by the pandemic, and is making the prospect of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals more difficult,

Acknowledging the industrial development reports prepared by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in which the Organization examines the future of industrialization in a post-pandemic world, structural change and inclusive and sustainable industrial development policies to improve the contribution of industry to sustainable production and consumption, social inclusion, gender equality, decent work, productivity growth, technology and innovation, and resource efficiency, including but not limited to energy efficiency,

Reiterating that each country has the right and the primary responsibility to define its development strategies in accordance with its national priorities and in line with the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals, noting the past withdrawals from the membership of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as well as the importance of member States in arrears fulfilling their obligations, and the potential impact on the Organization's capacity to deliver, and in this regard inviting all countries to align their support and development efforts towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing the importance for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization of continuing to reach out to all States Members of the United Nations and of encouraging them to consider joining the Organization, in the spirit of a revitalized global partnership for sustainable development and with a view to strengthening the means of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing also the importance of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in addressing the root causes of poverty by providing solutions, inter alia, for job creation, economic competitiveness and productive capability, through strengthening its efforts in promoting inclusive and sustainable development,

Noting with concern that the global crisis has slowed manufacturing growth in all least developed countries, setting back progress towards the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, and that the impact of the pandemic on labour markets has also been particularly pronounced in middle-income countries, which have long leveraged participation in production chains as a source of employment and growth and have experienced a decline of manufacturing employment by 8.9 per cent in 2020, higher than any other group of countries,

Emphasizing the essential role of inclusive and sustainable industrial development as part of a comprehensive strategy of structural economic transformation in eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including

extreme poverty, and supporting sustained economic growth, and thus in contributing to achieving sustainable development in developing countries, including the most vulnerable countries, and in particular African countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, while recognizing the significant challenges facing middle-income countries, and emphasizing further that countries in situations of conflict also need special attention,

Recognizing the diversity of ways to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development and, in this connection, that each country has the primary responsibility for its own development and the right to determine its own development paths and appropriate strategies, in line with relevant international rules and commitments, taking into account different national capacities, needs and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities,

Recalling that the Sustainable Development Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development, and acknowledging that building resilient, quality and sustainable infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, fostering innovation and achieving the interlinked targets of the other Sustainable Development Goals will be critical,

Stressing the importance of international industrial cooperation in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, the creation of decent jobs, including for young people, inclusive economic growth, pollution control, knowledge networking, resource efficiency, access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, gender equality and the empowerment of all women, and opportunities for all members of society to participate in economic activities and to address major challenges and issues such as poverty, climate change, shifting demographics and growing inequalities,

Stressing also that the creation, development and diffusion of new innovations and technologies and associated know-how, including the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, are powerful drivers of economic growth and sustainable development,

Underscoring the importance of using science, technology and innovation, and entrepreneurship to build and maintain resilient industrial infrastructure and achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

Recognizing the potential benefits for countries to transform their economies to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, by engaging with partners to integrate or implement concepts such as circular economy and Industry 4.0 for more sustainable industrial activity and manufacturing systems, according to national plans and priorities,

Recognizing also the role of the business community, including the private sector, in enhancing the dynamic process of the development of the industrial sector, underlining the importance of the benefits of foreign direct investment in that process, and recognizing further in this regard that an enabling national environment is vital for mobilizing national resources, increasing productivity, fostering long-term and quality investment, encouraging the private sector and making effective use of international investment and assistance, and that efforts to create such an environment should be supported by the international community,

Emphasizing the important role of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in industrial development, as well as public-private partnerships and entrepreneurship and innovation, in meeting the challenges of sustainable development, and in this regard underlining the responsibility of private actors to create new business practices and models by applying innovative market-based solutions to social and

environmental problems that are inclusive, environmentally friendly, respect human rights, provide equal opportunities for all women, youth, persons with disabilities and older persons and integrate frontier technologies that characterize the new industrial revolution and offer opportunities for society, but also raise concerns, such as the future of work and widening inequalities within and between nations, and therefore the need for international coordination, knowledge-sharing and targeted support,

Highlighting the fact that ensuring inclusive and sustainable industrial development requires consistent industrial policies and institutional frameworks that are duly supported by the necessary investment in industrial infrastructure, clean technology, climate change action, innovation, environmental technologies and skills development,

Recalling the establishment, by its resolution [69/313](#), of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, and the launch, by its resolution [70/1](#), of the Mechanism, and looking forward to further collaboration between Member States, civil society, the private sector, the scientific community, United Nations system entities and other stakeholders to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

Reiterating the pledge that no one will be left behind, reaffirming the recognition that the dignity of the human person is fundamental, and the wish to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society, and recommitting to endeavour to reach the furthest behind first,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;¹⁶

2. *Notes with appreciation* the adoption, on 2 December 2013, of the Lima Declaration: towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development, and the adoption, on 5 November 2019, of the Abu Dhabi Declaration;

3. *Reaffirms* the indivisible and inclusive nature of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,¹⁷ while acknowledging that achieving inclusive and sustainable industrialization is integral to the efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;

4. *Recognizes* the unique mandate of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, within the United Nations system, to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development and the important contribution to be made by that Organization, in partnership with other relevant private and public entities and stakeholders, including new multilateral development finance institutions and funds, to strengthening existing partnerships and networks at the global, regional and subregional levels, including South-South and triangular cooperation, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, in supporting the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, including all relevant Goals and targets;

5. *Also recognizes* the contribution of the United Nations system, international financial institutions, international trade and economic institutions and all other relevant entities in supporting the promotion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development, in accordance with their respective mandates, in order to increase their effectiveness and to strengthen cooperation with non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors in promoting and strengthening efforts towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

6. *Further recognizes* that inclusive and sustainable industrial development can play a crucial role in the realization of other major development objectives,

¹⁶ See [A/77/138](#).

¹⁷ Resolution [70/1](#).

including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, since through inclusive and sustainable industrial development policies and practices, countries can achieve self-sustaining economic and social development in an environmentally sustainable framework;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of industrial development cooperation and acknowledges the response of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in addressing the immediate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, through the provision of essential goods, facilitating access to critical supplies, including for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises, and ensuring that emergency measures designed to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic, if deemed necessary, are targeted, proportionate, transparent and temporary, and that they do not create unnecessary barriers to trade or disruption to global supply chains, and are consistent with World Trade Organization rules,¹⁸ the transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed, enabling the creation of jobs, including sustainable job opportunities, supporting innovation and digital transformation to harness the full potential of new technologies, diversifying production, building manufacturing capacity and adapting infrastructure, moving towards sustainable consumption and production patterns in line with the 2030 Agenda, towards building back better and towards an inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery;

8. *Reiterates* the policies, actions and objectives outlined in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development¹⁹ to invest in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development to effectively address major challenges such as growth and jobs, resources and energy efficiency, pollution and climate change, knowledge-sharing, innovation and social inclusion;

9. *Recognizes* that the mobilization of national and international resources and an enabling national and international environment are key drivers for sustainable development;

10. *Underlines* the potential benefits, for developing countries, of stepping up their efforts to finance their own development by improving domestic resource mobilization and promoting financing, spurred by a robust and vibrant industrial sector, in order to achieve a long-term impact through local, national and regional ownership;

11. *Emphasizes* that each country must take the primary responsibility for its own industrial development, that national ownership and leadership are indispensable in the development process and that the role of national policies, resources and development strategies cannot be overemphasized, and also emphasizes that it is crucial to maintain capacity for effective industrial policy design and implementation, consistent with international obligations, and thereby take into account the regional strategies and policies agreed upon, as appropriate;

12. *Recalls* the launch in 2016 of the Global Infrastructure Forum, led by the multilateral development banks, also recalls the forums held in Bali, Indonesia, on 13 October 2018, and in London, from 6 to 8 October 2020, and looks forward to relevant cooperation to advance the linkages among infrastructure development, inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation;

¹⁸ See joint statement on open markets, the flow of essential goods and supply chain connectivity (A/74/863, annex).

¹⁹ Resolution 69/313, annex.

13. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to promote, within its mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development, shared prosperity from industry, economic competitiveness and environmentally sustainable industry through its four core functions, which include technical cooperation; policy advice, research and statistics; normative functions and standards and quality-related activities; and partnership-building for knowledge transfer, networking and industrial cooperation;

14. *Recalls with appreciation* the Group of 20 Initiative on Supporting Industrialization in Africa and Least Developed Countries, launched by the leaders of the Group of 20 at its Summit held in Hangzhou, China, in September 2016,²⁰ which aims at strengthening the inclusive growth and development potential of Africa and the least developed countries through voluntary policy options, and looks forward to its implementation while urging the Group of 20 to continue to engage with other States Members of the United Nations in its work and to ensure that any Group of 20 initiatives complement and strengthen the United Nations system;

15. *Reaffirms* that women play a critical role in development, contribute to structural transformation and are key contributors to the economy and to combating poverty and inequalities, that women's full, effective and equal participation in all levels of and during the entire decision-making process and in the economy is vital in order to achieve sustainable development and significantly enhance economic growth and productivity and that realizing gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Sustainable Development Goals, including in achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

16. *Recognizes* the importance of further increasing cooperation to create synergies between inclusive and sustainable industrial development-relevant Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goal 5, mainstreaming a gender perspective in industrial development cooperation and entrepreneurship, strengthening the empowerment of all women and girls, inter alia, through the exchange of best practices, mainstreaming gender in budget planning, gender lens investing, dedicated educational training and capacity-building programmes, increasing women's employment in decent jobs and market opportunities, and greater legal protection in the workplace to support women's economic leadership and mentorship, access to finance, technical assistance to women across value chains, especially in developing countries, the internationalization of women-owned and women-led small and medium-sized enterprises and the advancement of women's digital skills to scale up their contribution to inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

17. *Emphasizes* that national efforts should be supported by development partners, as appropriate, and need to be complemented by a rules-based multilateral trading system that facilitates trade and provides opportunities for developing countries that aim to broaden their competitive export base by strengthening their capacities, facilitating the structural transformation and diversification of their economies and enhancing the participation and integration of enterprises from developing countries, including micro- and small-scale industrial enterprises, into global value chains and markets, which can help to promote economic growth and development, while taking into account support for local and regional industrial development and value chains, as appropriate;

18. *Also emphasizes* the need for the international community and the private sector, as appropriate, to contribute to creating an enabling environment for sustainable industrial development;

²⁰ See [A/71/380](#), annex.

19. *Stresses* that national development efforts need to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, including coherent and mutually supporting world trade, monetary and financial systems, and strengthened and enhanced global economic governance, and that processes to develop and facilitate the availability of appropriate knowledge and technologies globally on mutually agreed terms, as well as capacity-building, are also critical;

20. *Recognizes* the importance of the role of the private sector, as well as the role of public-private partnerships, in meeting the challenges of sustainable development, and in this regard underlines the importance of strengthening existing and forging new partnerships and networks at the global, regional and subregional levels, including through South-South and triangular cooperation, and the full involvement of all relevant stakeholders towards achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

21. *Stresses* that a dynamic industrial and manufacturing sector is one of the many factors that can lead to narrowing income inequalities and to the development of social protection systems, as well as to reducing inequality within and among countries;

22. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to organize global dialogues and promote multi-stakeholder partnerships in order to actively pursue its important role in the achievement of inclusive and sustainable industrial development and to advance the linkages with infrastructure development and innovation for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals;

23. *Notes* the continuing cooperation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the entities of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, funds and programmes;

24. *Underscores* the continuing work of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a global forum to disseminate knowledge and provide advice on industrial policies and strategies, successful industrialization experiences and best practices, as well as upcoming trends and challenges, as exemplified by the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summits, the Vienna Energy Forums and the Green Industry Conferences;

25. *Recognizes* the key role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting sustainable industrial development and industrial innovation and mainstreaming science and technology into national productive systems;

26. *Encourages* regional, subregional and interregional cooperation as a platform for international industrial cooperation aiming to promote investments and technology transfer on mutually agreed terms, to disseminate inclusive and equitable policies and practices, as well as to foster opportunities for high quality and decent work, including for youth and women;

27. *Welcomes* the alignment by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization of its medium-term programme framework with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review cycle, especially as set out in resolution [72/279](#);

28. *Notes* the Programmes for Country Partnership of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as a promising model to foster inclusive and sustainable industrial development for its member States, and looks forward to its continued expansion to achieve greater geographic coverage with due consideration to the specific needs of different countries, as stipulated in the Lima Declaration;

29. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to assist developing countries, including African countries, the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States

and countries in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as middle-income countries facing specific challenges, in participating in productive activities through, inter alia, the development of sustainable agro-industry and agribusiness that improves food security, eradicates hunger, creates jobs and is economically viable, and in this regard encourages new donors to support the unique work of the Organization in these regions;

30. *Encourages* the promotion of South-South cooperation, triangular cooperation and the transfer, diffusion and adoption of technology on mutually agreed terms in building their engagement in international trade through the development of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises;

31. *Also encourages* supporting sustainable industrial production and trade based on principles of local development, local content, the economic development and well-being, health and safety of workers, the meeting of international product and process standards as well as vocational skills and entrepreneurship training, particularly for the integration of women and youth into the development process and to respond to local skills requirements;

32. *Recognizes* that industrial safety gaps can cause significant damage to people, economies and the environment, and encourages setting and enforcing standards, developing governmental and corporate prevention strategies, providing training, outreach, education and technical assistance to address industrial hazards and avoid occupational accidents and work-related illnesses, while ensuring high productivity and efficiency of enterprises;

33. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to support developing countries, upon request and in line with their development priorities, in achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development by assisting them in building sustainable productive and trade capacities, including through support for policies in the context of job creation and poverty eradication in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, and in building institutional capacities for promoting environmentally sound and sustainable production, including through programmes on resource-efficient and cleaner production, industrial water management, industrial energy efficiency and the utilization of affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern forms of energy for productive use, especially in rural areas, and through continued cooperation with United Nations organizations and other organizations in order to support the achievement of multilateral environmental agreements and promote global goals on access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, including on the expansion of clean technologies, including renewable energy and energy efficiency in industry, and to promote technologies including green hydrogen;

34. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, within its mandate and resources, and in accordance with resolution GC.18/Res.7 of 7 November 2019, adopted by the General Conference at its eighteenth session,²¹ to advance and accelerate the technical meetings and consultations for experts from member States on circular economy, with a view to facilitating exchanges on best practices and emerging innovations;

35. *Also encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue strengthening its role in assisting developing countries to create and disseminate knowledge by, inter alia, making use of its global network of investment and technology promotion offices, resource-efficient and cleaner production centres, centres for South-South industrial cooperation and international technology centres;

²¹ See GC.18/INF/4.

36. *Reiterates* the importance of promoting the creation and development of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises as a strategy for achieving industrial development, economic dynamism, poverty and hunger eradication and job creation, including through the mobilization of resources and measures to foster sustainable and inclusive development, and in this regard recalls International Labour Organization recommendation No. 189 concerning job creation in small and medium-sized enterprises;

37. *Acknowledges* the importance of reporting on corporate sustainability, encourages companies, where appropriate, especially publicly listed and large companies, to consider integrating sustainability information into their reporting cycle, and encourages industry, interested Governments and relevant stakeholders, with the support of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to develop models for best practices and to facilitate action for the integration of sustainability reporting, taking into account experiences gained from already existing frameworks and paying particular attention to the needs of developing countries, including for capacity-building;

38. *Also acknowledges* the importance of expanding the industrial policy space available to developing countries for inclusive and sustainable recovery and for continued progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

39. *Welcomes* the ongoing support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,²² the African (Accelerated) Agribusiness and Agro-industries Development Initiative, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa and other programmes of the African Union aimed at further strengthening the industrialization process in Africa, and encourages the Organization to expedite the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (2016–2025) together with the African Union Commission, the African Union Development Agency, the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the Economic Commission for Africa through partnerships built with the private and public sectors, donors and United Nations and international specialized agencies;

40. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the World Bank and the regional development banks to support industrial development through financial programmes, and encourages the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to work closely with regional development banks on the implementation of their regional strategies, including with the African Development Bank on the implementation of their industrialization strategy for Africa;

41. *Stresses* the importance of the activities of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, within its mandate, to support the efforts of middle-income countries to achieve a robust industrial transformation, including through the deployment of new technologies, the application of sustainable patterns promoting skills development, including in the use of the digital economy for micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, reduce inequalities and achieve sustainable development using, inter alia, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization Strategic Framework for Partnering with Middle-Income Countries, and also stresses the need to increase the access of developing countries to the means of implementation, including capacity-building, technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and financial support;

42. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to support, within its mandate, the periodic review of Sustainable Development Goal 9, on building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization

²² [A/57/304](#), annex.

and fostering innovation, during the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of both the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

43. *Also encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to contribute to the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields through technological solutions provided by inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

44. *Reaffirms* the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind and commit to taking more tangible steps to support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries and to reach the furthest behind first;

45. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “Eradication of poverty and other development issues”, the sub-item entitled “Industrial development cooperation”.
