

JOINT DECLARATION

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WHEREAS the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (hereafter referred to as “UNIDO”), headquartered in Vienna, Austria, as a specialized agency of the United Nations, bears the primary responsibility for promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development in developing countries and economies in transition;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (hereafter referred to as “METI”), based in Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, has the mission to develop Japan’s economy and industry by focusing on promoting economic vitality in private companies and advancing external economic relationships, and securing a stable and efficient supply of energy and mineral resources;

WHEREAS the Government of Japan, through METI, is funding two projects implemented by UNIDO, respectively titled “Industrial cooperation programme in the Global South through technology transfer from Japan” and “Green industrial recovery project for Ukraine through technology transfer from and the co-creation of new businesses with Japan’s private industries”;

WHEREAS UNIDO and METI have a longstanding history of cooperation, initiated in 1980 through the establishment of the Investment and Technology Promotion Office, Tokyo.

NOW THEREFORE, the Signatories declare their intention to enhance collaboration between UNIDO and METI in implementing the two projects in order to:

- a. Contribute to the industrial and economic development of countries in the Global South through the transfer of technology from Japan, by closely consulting with each other to properly reflect METI's views in the formulation and the implementation of the projects.
- b. Contribute to the industrial and economic recovery of Ukraine and promote the creation of new businesses in Ukraine through cooperation between the business

sectors of Japan and Ukraine, by closely consulting with each other to properly reflect METI's views in the formulation and the implementation of the projects.

- c. Promote investment and technology transfer from Japan in developing and emerging countries, including through technical cooperation projects to develop skills in respect of Japan's sustainable technologies and entrepreneurship training for Ukrainian refugees in Japan.
- d. Take into consideration lessons learned from the implementation of the two mentioned projects for future cooperation between UNIDO and METI.

The Signatories acknowledge that this Joint Declaration is non-binding and does not entail fiduciary, legal, or financial obligations. Any activities implemented under this Joint Declaration are subject to the availability of staff, funds, and resources, and may require the negotiation and execution of separate legally binding instruments by the signatories.

Signed in Tokyo, Japan, on 8 July 2024

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