



General Statement of Bangladesh
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Bangladesh congratulates you and the bureau on your election.

We align ourselves with the statements delivered by the Group of 77 and China and the Asia-Pacific Group.

Mr. Chair,

Geopolitical tensions, economic fragmentation, climate change and rapid technological transformation are increasingly reshaping global investment flows. And this has disproportionate effects on many developing countries, undermining their efforts to sustain growth and development.

Developing countries primarily face two interrelated investment challenges: attracting greater investment and ensuring that such investment contributes effectively to productive capacities, decent employment, economic diversification and sustainable development. Bangladesh therefore welcomes the focus of high-level panel at this session.

Since UNCTAD conducted the Investment Policy Review of Bangladesh, we have undertaken a number of institutional and regulatory reforms to improve the investment environment. Most recently, the Government established “**Invest Bangladesh**” as the single apex agency for investment promotion, replacing the previous fragmented institutional structure. We appreciate UNCTAD’s continued support and its recent assessment of Bangladesh’s progress in implementing the recommendations of the Investment Policy Review.

As we prepare for graduation, attracting quality and sustainable investment remains a key priority for Bangladesh. Our focus is on structural transformation, export diversification, higher-value production and stronger integration into regional and global value chains.

In this regard, we emphasize three points.

First, investment strategies must align with national development priorities and preserve adequate policy space for developing countries.

Second, greater attention should be given to the development impact of FDI, particularly on employment, skills development, technology transfer and a strong linkage with local enterprises.

Third, efforts must be redoubled to address the persistent investment gap facing developing countries. I thank you.