

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

**to be delivered at the 49th Session of the Industrial  
Development Board  
(12-15 July 2021)**

**Agenda Item 18: Recommendation of a candidate for the post  
of Director General  
(After the Election Process)**

Thank you Madame President,

I extend our sincere congratulations to Dr. Gerd Müller on his election as the new Director General of UNIDO. I thank Dr. Arkebe Oqubay and Dr. Bernardo Calzadilla Sarmiento for the enthusiasm and professionalism they displayed throughout this process.

I also thank you, Madame President, members of the Bureau and the Secretariat for your efforts to conclude the election process smoothly.

We hope that UNIDO, under the leadership of Dr. Gerd Müller, together with its Member States, will continue to help alleviate the pandemic situation and to fulfill its mandate in the context of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thank you Madame President.