

**AGENDA ITEM 18: RECOMMENDATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR
GENERAL TO BE DELIVERED BY H.E TEODOLINDA ROSA RODRIGUES
COELHO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, CHAIR OF
THE AFRICAN GROUP IN VIENNA**

To be delivered after voting-process

Madam President,

1. The African Group highly welcomes the election of Mr XXX as the newly elected Director General of UNIDO.
2. The Africa Group is deeply confident that under his able leadership, his experience and knowledge, the organization will continue to work towards the inclusive and sustainable industrial development, especially at this challenging moment for all of us.

Madam President,

3. We would like to commend Mr XXX and Mr XXX who have conducted a highly professional campaign. We believe that the pertinent and valuable contributions that they have made during the entire period of the campaign, would prove useful for the new Director General in the upcoming days.
4. The Africa Group seizes this opportunity to warmly congratulate Mr XXX on his election and looks forward to engaging with him upon his assumption of duties. We assure him of the full support of African Countries to comply with the mandate of UNIDO and to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development for the particularly for Africa amongst other developing countries.

Thank you Madam President.