

**FAREWELL STATEMENT TO THE OUTGOING
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL – MR. LI YONG**

Mr. President,

The Ghana delegation joins the previous speakers in bidding farewell to Mr. LI Yong, the outgoing Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The Ghana delegation wishes to convey hearty congratulations to him for his sterling stewardship of UNIDO as Director General for the past eight (8) years.

Mr. LI Yong's commitment and dedication to promoting UNIDO's mandate of fostering Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) in Member States through innovative programmes such as Country Programmes (CP), Programme for Country Partnerships (PCP) and other stand-alone projects is a laudable one. Likewise, his proactive leadership of UNIDO in supporting developing countries to manage the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

His contribution to the reform and restructuring of UNIDO to become more responsive to the needs of Member States will remain a legacy of his tenure as Director General.

On this note, the Ghana delegation wishes Mr. LI Yong every success in his future endeavour.

I thank you Mr. President.