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Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Mr. President, I congratulate you for your assumption of the Presidency of the General Conference. We will work with you for a successful execution of this session.

Mr. President, Turkey has aligned itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union. I would like to share six points in our national capacity.

First, we commend UNIDO Secretariat and the outgoing Director General H.E. Li Yong for the introduction and ongoing expansion of the Programme for Country Partnership. With this streamlined instrument, UNIDO has been actively contributing to several developing countries, effectively delivering its core mandate.

Second, we also appreciate UNIDO's activities regarding other global issues such as climate change, Fourth Industrial Revolution and Circular Economy.

On this occasion, I am pleased to inform that Turkey has recently ratified the Paris Agreement and set its goal to achieve net zero emissions by 2053.

Third, we also work on industrial digitalization under the guidance of our comprehensive national programme called “2023 Industry and Technology Strategy”. We scaled up our efforts towards circular economy practices. We hope to enhance our cooperation with UNIDO in these fields.

Fourth, let me also inform that Turkey has recently ratified the extension of the Agreement on UNIDO Regional Center in Turkey for another five years.

Fifth, we believe that the efficiency of UNIDO largely relies on its financial resources. Bearing this in mind, Turkey fully paid its assessed contribution for 2021 and is one of the fifteen Member States which voluntarily renounced their share of unutilized balances from 2020.

Sixth and last, Mr. President, delegations are aware that the Turkish Court of Accounts is one of the candidates for the post of External Auditor for the next term beginning from 1 July 2022.

We expect the support of all UNIDO Member States for the nomination of the Turkish Court of Accounts in the upcoming election that is scheduled to take place on Thursday.

Before I conclude, I wish to reiterate Turkey’s commitment to work closely with UNIDO under the leadership of our new Director General Gerd Müller and UNIDO Member States for the accomplishment of its mandate.

Thank you Mr. President.