

**Statement by Ambassador YOON Yeonjean**  
**Alternate Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea**  
**at the 19th session of UNIDO General Conference,**  
30 November, 2021, Vienna

Agenda item: appointment of the new Director General

Mr. President,

I would like to express my sincere congratulations to Mr. Gerd Müller, on his election as the new Director General of this Organization. The Republic of Korea supported Mr. Müller's candidature from the beginning without a slightest doubt, convinced that his expertise and experience in the field would serve as a rich background that will help foster inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID).

My delegation remains convinced that Mr. Müller will both build and work as a bridge among UNIDO Member States, and find a solution to closing the gaps of industrial development between developed and developing countries.

It is also our sincere hope that, with the distinguished leadership of Mr. Müller, we will bring back the former members of the organization and thereby seek reinvigoration of UNIDO at this critical juncture.

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm that the Republic of Korea extends its full support in the fulfillment of Mr. Müller's vision at the helm of this organization. As a responsible stakeholder, we will continue to work for the better good of the global community. /END/