

## **Speech at the 19th session of the General Conference**

*(Tribute message for Mr. LI Yong, outgoing Director General of UNIDO*

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Mr. President,

In the national capacity, Viet Nam wishes to express our deepest gratitude to Mr. LI Yong for highly-effective and resilient leadership as Director General of UNIDO since 2013. Viet Nam also wishes to commend Mr. LI Yong for the strategic vision despite the many challenges faced by UNIDO, especially COVID-19 pandemic. This vision is best exemplified by many Country Programmes (CP) and Programmes for Country Partnership (PCP) implemented under Mr. LI's guidance. The positive impact of the CPs and PCPs on the inclusive and sustainable industrial development of developing countries is extraordinary. That and all other well-implemented initiatives and technical assistance projects have contributed significantly to the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and are a worthy legacy of his tenure as UNIDO's Director General.

Viet Nam wishes Mr. LI Yong all the best in his future endeavours!

Thank you, Mr. President!