

**Statement by the delegation of Armenia
at the 19th session of the General Conference
Tribute Ceremony for Mr. Li Yong**

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Armenia I would like to express our profound appreciation and gratitude to outgoing Director General Li Yong for all the work that he carried out at the helm of UNIDO, for his dedication to this Organization's mandate and purpose throughout the years that he has been leading it.

His vision for UNIDO contributed to strengthening the role and relevance of this Organization, to advancing the implementation of 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, including through supporting the inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries. We commend his efforts in promoting transition to circularity and effective energy and environment management.

We also express our profound appreciation for his leadership and steering of UNIDO in this difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic, for efforts to keep the Organization and its secretariat running amid all the pandemic related restrictions.

Director General Li Yong,

Once again, we thank you for all your contribution and efforts and wish you all the success in your future endeavors.

Thank you, Mr. President.