

## **CONGRATULATORY STATEMENT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. GERD MULLER AS THE NEXT DIRECTOR GENERAL**

**Mr. President**

I would like to seize the opportunity to congratulate you on your election and to assure you of Ghana's support in the discharge of your duties.

**Mr. President**

Ghana joins previous speakers to congratulate Dr. Gerd Muller on his appointment as the new Director General of UNIDO and to assure him of Ghana's support in the discharge of his mandate. Your address to the General Council this morning is inspiring and points to the right direction.

Your appointment comes at a critical time, when global efforts are very much needed, to build a better future from the havoc wrecked on human life and the economies of Member States by the COVID-19 pandemic. Your appointment is, therefore, an indication of the confidence reposed in you, to lead this noble organisation whose role is essential in bringing about the change we need; a change that would also guarantee health for all through the development of the capacities of developing countries. Consequently, we expect that Dr. Gerd Muller's leadership towards recovery from the pandemic will be hinged on credible efforts to accelerate sustainable industrial development in developing countries and economies in transition.

We look forward to an aggressive implementation of the IDDA III through the transformation of industrial capacities of African countries to become locations of competitive industrial production so that the fourth industrial revolution will also not be a mirage for us. Dr. Gerd Muller can count on Ghana's support in leading UNIDO to foster Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) in Member States, especially, in the developing countries.

Under Dr. Muller's leadership, we are confident that UNIDO will sustain the results-based budgeting principles incorporated into the 2022-2023 Programmes and Budget, continue to strengthen the Secretariat's result-based management processes and promote geographical and gender balance in the organization's workforce.

Ghana looks forward to working closely with Dr. Gerd Muller and wishes him every success in his new endeavour.

I thank you Mr. President.