

Statement

made by the Hungarian delegation during the 19th session of
UNIDO's General Conference

General debate

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Thank you, Mister President,

allow me to congratulate you on your election as President of the 19th session of the UNIDO General Conference, as well as other members of the bureau on their election. I am confident that with your leadership, we will have a very successful session and I want to confirm the full support of the Hungarian delegation. I also take this opportunity to convey my special thanks to the outgoing President with her bureau for the commendable work. I wish to thank the Director General Li Yong and the Secretariat for the organization of this Conference.

Mister President,

At the outset, I would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Dr. Gerd Müller on his election as the next Director General of UNIDO. His leadership will be crucial for the Member States of UNIDO in the post COVID-19 recovery. We look forward to deepening our co-operation with UNIDO and with its Member States under the leadership of Dr. Gerd Müller.

In addition, the statement delivered by the distinguished Representative of the European Union fully reflects the Hungarian views on the items of the agenda.

However, I would like to add some additional remarks in my national capacity.

Hungary acknowledges UNIDO's commitment and efforts to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) and its contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Annual Report 2020 and Annual Report 2019 summarize successful initiatives and positive developments in favour of improving competitiveness and reducing unemployment rate among others and supporting countries to realize sustainable and inclusive industrialization and economic growth. Hungary welcomes the positive achievements on the policy and operational levels done by UNIDO during the last two years.

We place high value in UNIDO's role as a platform for partnership, bringing together donor countries, the private sector, financial institutions and recipient countries.

Please allow me to briefly mention Hungary's recent contribution to UNIDO's activities.

It is my Government's strong intention to raise the participation of Hungarian leaders and experts from different state organs at various projects and ambitious events organized or co-organized by UNIDO.

We take this opportunity to stress again the importance of close consultations with Member States. In our opinion, the global consultations are very important and can provide benefits for developed and developing countries as well.

The project "Reinvigorating a Business Model of Strategic Engagement with Emerging Donors", in which Hungary actively participates, is an other good example, how Member States can work together and share their experience with other emerging donor countries.

Finally, I am delighted to inform you that Hungary hosts under the patronage and involving the personal engagement of His Excellency Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary, the Planet Budapest 2021 Sustainability Expo and Summit, the largest international conference and exhibition in Central Europe

dedicated to sustainability. This event is held right now, between 29 November and 5 December in Budapest, Hungary.

Mr. President,

Hungary, a member of this Organization since 1985, has significantly participated in the work of its policy-making organs, in the work of the Industrial Development Board and the Program and Budget Committee and has presented its candidature to the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO for the next four year and to the Program and Budget Committee of UNIDO for the next biennium.

This year, Hungary actively participated in the discussion on the draft 2020-2021 budget in order to reach consensus and on the other strategic documents of UNIDO. We take this opportunity to stress the importance of close consultations with Member States.

Hungary will continue to offer its constructive partnership to the Organization in identifying and formulating the best ways forward and working together for a sustainable future and remains fully committed to support UNIDO's work and endeavors in the years to come.

Thank you very much Mister President.