

**Statement of Egypt during the 19th Session of the UNIDO General Conference, 29
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Tribute message for Mr. LI Yong, outgoing Director General of UNIDO

Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Egyptian Mission in Vienna, I would like to express our deepest appreciation for Mr. LI Yong for his leadership as Director General of UNIDO over the last eight years. His hard work and sincere efforts to help the member states throughout his tenure, and particularly during the current crisis of COVID-19 pandemic, had been great help for the member countries of UNIDO.
2. Egypt is especially grateful for Mr Li Yong, as during his tenure, the relationship with UNIDO has developed exponentially, and this fruitful relationship was culminated by the signing of the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) with Egypt in April 2021, by both Mr Li Yong and the Prime Minister of Egypt.
3. One must mention also in this context that the impact of UNIDO in terms of achieving ISID in the developing countries, under his leadership, had been very successful as well, and we are looking forward to the continuation of this constructive relationship under the new Director General.
4. Finally, we would like to wish Mr Li Yong all the best for his future endeavours, with ever continued success and health.

Thank you, Mr. President.