

**Agenda Item 4: Tribute to the outgoing Director General, Mr Li Yong**

**19<sup>th</sup> UNIDO GC, 29 November – 3 December 2021,**

**To be delivered by Ambassador Jaideep Mazumdar**

Mr. President,

1. I take the floor to convey our appreciation to Mr. LI Yong for his stewardship of UNIDO as Director General over more than eight years. We especially compliment him for his steady handling of the organization's responsibilities during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Taking the agenda of inclusive and sustainable industrial development forward has ensured that UNIDO continues to be relevant within the UN system as a positive contributor for achieving the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The implementation of the Programme for Country Partnership is another worthwhile initiative for which we compliment Mr Li Yong.
3. As we bid him farewell, I would like to wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

I thank you, Mr. President.