

TRIBUTE MESSAGE FOR MR. LI YONG, OUTGOING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNIDO DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR NADA KRUGER PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NAMIBA, 3 DECEMBER 2021

Mr. President,

I wish to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. LI Yong for his dedicated, strong, and effective leadership at the helm of UNIDO over the last eight years. We commend you, Mr. LI for the exemplary guidance and management in ensuring business continuity while confronting the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic.

We appreciate Mr. LI remarkable efforts and personal commitment to the SDG 9 in advancing the inclusive sustainable industrial development agenda, particularly through progress with the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA). On a personal note, I wish to recall my close cooperation with Mr. LI during the time I served as Chair of the African Group, and also during the 18th General Conference in Abu Dhabi when Namibia served as a Vice-President.

Mr. LI's work at UNIDO will be fondly remembered by my delegation. We wish him the best in his future endeavours.

Thank you