

Statement

made by the Hungarian delegation during the 18th session of
UNIDO's General Conference

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Thank you, Mr. President,

allow me to congratulate you on your election as President of the 18th 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 to your endeavors and our common goals. 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, the Secretariat and the Government of the United Arab Emirates as host country for the organization of this Conference.

Mr. President,

The statement delivered by the distinguished Representative of the European Union fully reflects the Hungarian views on the items of the agenda. Besides that, Hungary fully aligns itself with the draft resolutions that initiated or endorsed by the European Union. 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 2018 and Annual Report 2017 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.

Last month, under the patronage and involving the personal engagement of His Excellency Mr. János Áder, President of Hungary, Hungary hosted the Budapest Water Summit 2019, a high-profile conference and exhibition with the motto 'Preventing water Crises' which was held in Budapest from 15 to 17 October 2019. His Excellency Mr. Péter Szijjártó Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary invited Director General LI Yong to attend as a speaker the Budapest Water Summit 2019 and its Opening Ceremony on 15 October 2019. The meeting gave the opportunity of further strengthening our cooperation with UNIDO.

A high-level delegation of the Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary participated at the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit in Yekaterinburg, Russia from 9 to 11 July 2019.

Hungary is committed to setting up an ITPO office in Budapest, therefore we organized preparatory field visits to Hungary during the last year. At present, UNIDO is working together with the Hungarian authorities on the professional content and the budget of the project.

This year, as in previous years, the Municipality of Budapest and the Ministry of Innovation and Technology took part at and made its best efforts to contribute to the success of the BRIDGE for Cities events.

Mr. President,

Hungary, as member of this Organization since 1985, has significantly participated in the work of its policy-making organs, in the work of Industrial Development Board and Program and Budget Committee and has presented its candidature 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 in the Vienna spirit and we are pleased with the consensual decision on the budget for the next biennium.

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 Mr. President.