

MONGOLIA

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Mr. President,

Let me join the previous speakers in congratulating you on your election as President of the General Conference of the UNIDO. My delegation assures you of its full support and cooperation. We are confident that under your leadership this session will be successful. In the same vein, I congratulate all members of the bureau for their elections.

I wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the Government and people of the United Arab Emirates for the warm welcome and hospitality as well as the excellent organization of the Conference.

Mr. President,

Mongolia aligns itself with the Statement made by the distinguished representative of Egypt on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mongolia congratulates Antigua and Barbuda, the Federated States of Micronesia and the State of Palestine for their first participation in the General Conference as full member of the UNIDO.

Mr. President,

Mongolia recognizes the important role of the UNIDO as the central coordinator of international cooperation towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

We welcome UNIDO's continued contribution to efforts of the Member States towards achievement of the Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 9 on building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering innovation, through providing technical cooperation, policy analysis and advisory services.

On behalf of my Government, I would also like to commend the Director General Lee Young and his team for their excellent work in implementing their Mandate as well as their continued support extended to all Member States.

Mongolia attaches a crucial importance to the UNIDO Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) and thank the Director-General for his report on the mid-term review for the pilot PCPs, which clearly indicates that there were a positive improvement on coordination between the Secretariat and respective countries. We believe that the lessons and experiences attained from the pilot PCPs will further benefit the Member States of the Organization.

Mr. President,

The Government of Mongolia has been taking a number of measures to develop its industrial sector. The State Industry Policy, Sustainable Development Vision 2030, and the Green Development Policy of Mongolia are key framework documents that serve to implement its sustainable development agenda.

The convergence of the objectives enshrined in those policy documents ensures the coherence of our national priorities such as improving quality of life, preserving environment, advancing competitiveness, and facilitating transfer and use of technology and innovations. To that end, my Government is fully committed and making every steps in the implementation of those goals.

With a view to achieving our development agenda Mongolia continues to cooperate closely with international organizations, including the UNIDO. We believe that immense expertise of the UNIDO and its support and best practices are essential to our efforts.

In collaboration with the UNIDO and donors, Mongolia has been implementing many development projects. One of them was a direct reflection of the theme for this conference session - Innovate. Connect. Transform our Future.

The project was designed to strengthen capacity building and to increase employment in agro-industry which is one of main sectors of our economy. It also aimed to ensure wider engagement with all stakeholders and has taken innovative approach of utilizing e-learning trainings to reach-out every partners.

In this regard, we would like to express, once again, our appreciation to UNIDO and EU for their support in successfully implementing the project. Many stakeholders, including private sector, business associations, scientific institutions benefited from the project. The project helped many to transform their lives to brighter direction and strengthened their technical skills and capacities of production.

Mr. President,

Let me express our confidence that the 18<sup>th</sup> Conference: Innovate. Connect. Transform our Future will provide us with energetic inspiration to address our common agenda. To that end, we believe that, we need to support innovation, we need to encourage financial assistance and we need to deliver technical cooperation efficiently.

In conclusion, Mr. President, I would like to once again assure you of our full support and cooperation. I am confident that we will achieve a fruitful outcome during your presidency. We look forward to working closely with UNIDO Secretariat, the Member States as well as with the global community towards the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

I thank you, Mr. President.

