

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**  
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**Agenda Item 19: Matter related to intergovernmental, non-  
governmental and other organizations**

Thank you Mr. President,

Turkey appreciates the useful role of NGOs for bringing civil society, governments and international organizations in creating synergies for the benefit of all stakeholders.

On the other hand, we believe that due diligence must be taken when cooperating with NGOs. Some NGOs have an agenda to undermine national security and interests of UNIDO member countries. As their activities seem innocent and benevolent, identifying their destructive intentions may not be easy for institutions.

Therefore, Turkey urges the UNIDO Secretariat to have utmost caution when considering to cooperate with NGOs and seek the consent of Member States before initiating any such cooperation.

Thank you Mr. President.