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before

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**Agenda Item 18: Preparations for the selection process for the post
of the Director General**

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In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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Mr. President,

My delegation associates itself with the statement of G77 and China, delivered by the distinguished Permanent Representative of the Philippines and would like to add some additional comments at its national capacity as follow:

We emphasize the primary mandate and objective of the organization which is the promotion and acceleration of sustainable industrial development worldwide in particular in developing countries as well as formulating new lines of actions towards harmonious and balanced industrial development, as stipulated in its constitution.

We commend UNIDO's tremendous efforts in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development and reassure our firm commitment for constructive engagement and continued support towards achieving sustainable development.

We also deeply acknowledge and appreciate the devoted and judicious stewardship of H.E. Mr. Li Young in presiding over the UNIDO during his leadership and terms of office who has wisely and efficiently guided the UNIDO, and maintained its status as the most important developmental organizations in the UN system despite many challenges that the Organization was facing including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is worth mentioning that while UNIDO has faced financial constraints following the withdrawal of some Member States, there has been a continuous effort to secure and diversify sources of funding, mobilize investments and

improve internal management process and structures under the Director General's leadership.

Mr. President,

We firmly believe that the role of the Director General, as the chief administrative officer of UNIDO, is central in leading the work of the Organization. Accordingly, we welcome holding candidate's forum aims at enhancing the transparency and inclusiveness of the selection process, providing a forum to introduce the best professional running candidates and a platform for interaction between them and Member States. We believe that this exercise should have the merit to assure the highest transparency possible in the election process.

I thank you Mr. President.