

Speech of H.E. NGUYEN Trung Kien, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam in Vienna, at the 49th session of the Industrial Development Board

(Agenda Item 7: UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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Madam President,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to congratulate Ambassador Dominika KROIS on your election as the President of the 49th Industrial Development Board. I am confident that you will successfully navigate the Board and that this session will come to a constructive and fruitful conclusion.

I also would like to thank Ambassador Darmansjah DJUMALA and the 48th bureau for your leadership and outstanding work in continuing to move the process forward successfully.

Madam President,

I would like to express our most sincere congratulation on the election of Mr. Gerd Müller as the new Director General of UNIDO and to assure him of the full cooperation from Viet Nam during his mandate.

Viet Nam fully aligns with the statement delivered by the Group of 77 and China on UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I would share some further opinion in my national capacity.

Viet Nam welcomes and appreciates the sharing of COVID-19 vaccines as well as the information and technology necessary to aid the fight against the pandemic. Amid the complicated nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, Viet Nam hopes that countries and international organizations will be united and fulfill their responsibilities to the global community.

Viet Nam highly regards the efforts exerted by the Director General Li Yong and the Secretariat of UNIDO to mitigate the impact and the repercussions related to the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. We affirm the support for UNIDO and other international organizations and agencies in assisting the most affected countries by the impact of COVID-19. Viet Nam is confident that UNIDO and other United Nations agencies will work diligently to make sure that the manufacturing of the vaccines of COVID-19 is carried out on the largest scale possible, and that the vaccines would be distributed and made available with a consideration that the developing countries and the most vulnerable and poor societies will get an equitable and fair chance in receiving them in parallel with their dissemination in the developed countries.

Thank you Madam President!