

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

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**Agenda Item 17: Matters related to intergovernmental, non-
governmental, governmental and other organizations**

Thank you Madame President,

Turkey would like to reiterate its appreciation for the useful role of NGOs for bringing civil society, governments and international organizations in creating synergies for the benefit of all stakeholders.

However, we believe that due diligence must be taken before collaborating with NGOs. Unfortunately, some NGOs have an agenda to undermine national security and interests of UNIDO member countries. As their activities are presented as innocent and benevolent, identifying their real destructive intentions may not be easy for international organizations.

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

Thank you Madame President.