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Madam President,

Indonesia conveys its sincere gratitude for the outpouring support of UNIDO to collaborate with the government of Indonesia on the development of the sustainable industry. The initiatives have aligned with the priority of the Government of Indonesia towards resource efficiency and sustainable use. The end goal is to ensure that the growth of the green industry will bring back positive outcomes for the local community.

In Indonesia, UNIDO and the Government of Indonesia are currently working together to realize Global Eco-Industrial Parks Programme (GEIPP) and plan to partner further in the management of medical wastes. Indonesia is determined to achieve sustainable recovery by conducting such programmes, among other things.

The Government of Indonesia also proactively engaged in the UNIDO Global Consultations on Circular Economy last May and encouraged its full implementation towards optimizing raw materials and other potential resources of the industry. Indonesia is committed to enhancing the multi-stakeholder readiness of the circular economy and applauds UNIDO’s partnership with us in the related projects.

I thank you, Madam President.

On global consultations on circular economy, Indonesia would like to share its view on this matter. The Circular Economy concept has been incorporated into the Vision Indonesia 2045 and Indonesia’s Mid-Term Development Plan 2020 - 2024.

Indonesia believes that the principle of the circular economy must be upheld with regard to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We also recognize that multi-factors still hinder the implementation – lack of capacity, incomplete data, and hence, inaccurate strategy, and insufficient infrastructure and technology, among other things.

Given the different levels of development and challenges that lie ahead, UNIDO must continuously assist developing countries and the LDCs, particularly in technical expertise, funding scheme, and policy advocacy. Meanwhile, there is still a strong need for transparency in its relation to trade to prevent the concept from being misused to disguise the new barrier to trade.

I thank you, Madam President.