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**Thailand's Statement
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H.E. Ms. Morakot Sriswasdi
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
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***Agenda Item 12: Inclusive and sustainable development
in middle-income countries***

Madam President,

1. Thailand acknowledges UNIDO's commitment and continuous efforts to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries (MICs).
2. Thailand thanks the Director General for his presentation on the new version of workplan for the implementation of the UNIDO Strategic Framework for Partnering with MICs, focusing on the facilitation of regional partnerships, multi-disciplinary interventions, enhanced resource flows, and innovative approaches to MICs in the context of the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We are of the view that with the operationalization of the Strategic framework through the workplan, its road map for action, and the continuous engagement with relevant stakeholders, MICs will be able to achieve their goals in advancing the inclusive and sustainable industrial development as well as be resilient to the global challenges, in particular the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Thailand, as a middle-income country, has been working closely with UNIDO under the Thailand-UNIDO Strategic Cooperation Framework for 2018 – 2021 to share its experience and knowledge on sustainable industrial progress in Southeast Asian region. Based on the results of ongoing technical cooperation projects and Thailand's vision for Industry 4.0, the Strategic Cooperation Framework encourages South-South Cooperation in line with the UNIDO's vision on inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

4. As the Thailand-UNIDO Strategic Cooperation Framework is in its final year, we wish to express our interest to extend this constructive Framework in order to continue the existing cooperation projects and to work in collaboration with the UNIDO Strategic Framework for Partnering with MICs and other innovative means of cooperation among MICs.

I thank you.
