Thailand's Statement delivered by H.E. Ms. Morakot Sriswasdi Ambassador and Permanent Representative at the 49th Session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board 13 July 2021

Agenda Item 8: UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Madam President,

- 1. Although the COVID-19 pandemic puts the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at risk, it enhances the pressure for multilateral cooperation and emphasises the interlinkages among various Sustainable Development Goals.
- 2. Thailand appreciates DG's Report in document IDB.49/17 which provides information on UNIDO's contribution to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and on promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development to mitigate the socio-economic impact on Member States. By implementing its mandate and four strategic priorities, UNIDO has made significant contribution not only to achieving SDG9 on industry innovation and infrastructure, but also to the other Goals.
- 3. With UNIDO's competence and expertise, Thailand encourages UNIDO to continue to reach out and work in partnership with other UN organisations, IFIs, international development agencies, and intergovernmental organisations to create greater synergy on UNIDO's projects and programmes that contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to accelerate the implementation of various SDGs.

Madam President,

4. Thailand attaches great importance to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly within the context of the

Decade of Action for the SDGs. We have worked closely with UNIDO in many areas and projects which contributes to the SDGs, including (1) the establishment of national database on carbon intensity in Thailand's manufacturing sector, in compliance with the methodology of SDG 9.4; (2) the firm level survey focusing on the Thailand's readiness to adopt the Fourth Industrial Revolution, which contributes to SDG8 and SDG9; (3) the project on "Application of industry-urban symbiosis and green chemistry for a low emission and persistent organic pollutants free industry development in Thailand", which contributes to SDG9, 11, 12 and 13; (4) the "Greening scrap metal value chain through promotion of Best Available Techniques (BAT)/ Best Environment Practices (BEP) to reduce U-POPs release from recycling facilities", which contributes to SDG9 and 12; and (5) the "Greening industry through Low Carbon Technology Application for SMEs" which contributes SDG9 and 3. In addition, as a member of Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), Thailand plans to review and assess the connection between Green Economy and SDGs with technical assistance rendered by UNIDO.

I thank you.
