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**Thailand's Statement
delivered by
H.E. Ms. Morakot Sriswasdi
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
at the 49th Session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board
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Agenda Item 9: United Nations development system reform

Madam President,

1. Thailand takes note of document IDB.49/14 and appreciates to learn that the implementation of the United Nations development system (UNDS) reform is progressing well, despite the unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. As the United Nations Country Teams (UNCTs) are the main interagency at the country level for interagency coordinator under the UNDS, Thailand notes with satisfaction that UNIDO is currently a member of UNCTs in 83 countries, including in Thailand. –We wish to see UNIDO strengthen its engagement with UNCTs at the country level through its field offices to raise awareness and generate better understanding, among other UN agencies, on the contribution of the inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) for the achievement of the SDGs. In this regard, Thailand is of the view that, for the field office representatives of UNIDO to gain better support and desired cooperation from national and international agencies in the global development cooperation architecture, these representatives should be well-equipped with knowledge and appropriate competency.

3. Finally, with reference to the new quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system 2021 – 2024, which stresses the urgency of climate action and a climate and environment responsive development approach, Thailand encourages the UNIDO to reach out and work in partnership with greater coordination and synergy not only with national agencies, international

organisations, international financial institutes and donor countries, but also with the agencies in the UNCTs to collaborate with the Middle Income Countries in this area.

I thank you.
