



**STATEMENTS DELIVERED**

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**Agenda Item 18. Recommendations of a candidate for the post of Director General**

Madam President, the delegation of Ghana joins earlier speakers in extending congratulations to Dr. Gerd Muller on his election as the next Director General of UNIDO and to assure him of Ghana's full cooperation throughout his tenure.

2. His election is an indication of the confidence repose in him based on his knowledge, experience, and vision for UNIDO going forward. Ghana looks forward to working closely with Dr. Gerd Muller in furtherance of an inclusive and sustainable industrial development of the developing countries. We wish him every success in this new endeavour.

3. The delegation of Ghana would also like to thank the other candidates, Dr. Arkebe Oqubay and Dr. Bernardo Sarmiento, for a fair contest and for taking advantage of their nominations to share their experience and vision for the UNIDO with us. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Thank you, madam President.