Statement by the delegation of Armenia as delivered by H.E. Ambassador Armen Papikyan, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to UNIDO at the 19th session of General Conference (Congratulatory Statement) Item 6: Appointment of the Director General

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Armenia and on my behalf, I would like to extend warm and heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Gerd Müller on his appointment as the next Director General of UNIDO.

We are confident that his leadership skills, dedication to the goals of this Organization and rich experience in the field of multilateral and development cooperation will further contribute to the fulfilment of UNIDO's mandate for sustainable and inclusive industrial development.

Dr. Müller, we took note of priorities outlined in your inaugural speech to tackle the challenges we face and look forward to working with you for transition towards a better future, with innovation and digitalization, circular economy, sustainable energy and environment management as its drivers.

Once again, we congratulate you, Director General, wish you all the best and success, and express Armenia's full support in fulfilling your important and demanding mission.

Allow me also to express to Director General Li Yong our profound appreciation for his dedication to UNIDO and skillful guiding of the Organization throughout your tenure.

Thank you.