## <u>Charge d'Affairs Lois Bono's Remarks at the UNIDO 19th General Conference</u> Agenda Item Six, One minute (125-150 words)

Good morning, afternoon, or evening, depending on where in the world you are.

I'm Louis Bono, the Charge d'Affaires for the U.S. Mission to International Organizations in Vienna, and I'm pleased to be here observing the 19th UNIDO General Conference on behalf of my government.

I'd like to extend a warm congratulations to the incoming Director General Gerd Müller.

Mr. Müller brings a wealth of knowledge, skills, and experience to this role. He brings a new vision to UNIDO focused on inclusive and environmentally sustainable industrial development. The United States is confident that Mr. Müller will work over the course of his tenure as UNIDO's Director General to help Member States achieve equitable, inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak, and I wish you all a productive conference.