

to the United Nations in Vienna

AUSTRIA 19th session of the General Conference of UNIDO (29.11. – 03.12.2021) Tribute to Director General LI Yong

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President,

Austria fully shares what has been said by the Head of the EU-Delegation.

Let me start by repeating what the Austrian Federal Minister Gewessler and the Secretary General of the Austrian Foreign Ministry Ambassador Launsky-Tieffenthal have already said in the beginning of this General Conference: As a committed Member State and as the Host Country of UNIDO we thank Director General LI Yong for his excellent work for the organisation and the equally excellent relations and cooperation between UNIDO and Austria during his tenure.

Director General, during the eight and a half years of your tenure you have substantially contributed to UNIDO's development and to the fulfillment of its important mandate. Your name will stay linked to UNIDO, SDG 9 and others as well as implementing UNIDO's significant contribution to implementing the Agenda 2030.

Director General of UNIDO, Mr. LI Yong, we wish you and your family all the best for your future.