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**Statement to be delivered by H.E. Majintha Jayasinghe, Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN in Vienna at the 19<sup>th</sup> Session of the of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), 29 November-03 December 2021**

**Tribute to the Outgoing Director General**

**Mr. President**

My delegation would like to express our most sincere appreciation to Mr. LI Yong, the outgoing Director General, for his outstanding work, dedication, commitment, and contributions in achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development for developing countries during his tenure leading UNIDO.

Mr. Li Yong's leadership has brought UNIDO and its Member states closer to achieving Sustainable Developments Goals and Sri Lanka is grateful to Mr. Li for his initiative and drive in defending Member State's interests and capacity-building projects through unprecedented challenges.

We wish Mr. Li Yong all the best in his future endeavours.

Thank you