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**Statement by
H.E. Ms. Morakot Sriswasdi
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Tribute message for Mr. Li Yong, outgoing Director General of UNIDO

Mr. President,

1. On behalf of the Royal Thai Government and on my own behalf, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the outgoing Director General, Mr. Li Yong, for his leadership and tireless dedication during the past eight years, especially during the trying time of COVID-19. Thailand appreciates significant initiatives and achievement of the UNIDO in fulfilling the Organisation's mandate under the guidance and commitment of Mr. Li Yong.

2. Mr. Li Yong's close cooperation and support to Thailand during his tenure, including his fruitful visit to Thailand in October 2018 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Thailand's membership in UNIDO, will always be valued.

3. May I also take this opportunity to wish Mr. Li Yong and his family good health, happiness, and every success in his future endeavours.

I thank you Mr. President.
