

**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**  
**TRIBUTE CEREMONY FOR H.E. LI YONG**  
**19th SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO**  
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**TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL**  
**ORGANIZATIONS IN VIENNA**

Thank you Mr. President,

Turkey has aligned itself with the statement made on behalf of the European Union. In our national capacity, we would like to thank His Excellency Li Yong for having competently and duly performed his challenging duty for two consecutive terms as the Director General of UNIDO. We commend all initiatives carried out by the Secretariat in his term of office, especially the Programme for Country Partnership to deliver the core mandate of UNIDO. We also appreciate UNIDO's response to COVID-19 pandemic under his leadership. We are pleased to see all efforts to recover for an inclusive and sustainable industrial development and to get SDG 9 back on track.

Director General Li Yong, your services have been appreciated by my country and they will not be forgotten.

Thank you Mr. President.