



**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA DURING THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE, 29 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER 2021, DELIVERED BY H.E. BETTY MAINA, CABINET SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRADE & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT**

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**Welcoming of the incoming Director General Dr. Gerd Müller**

Thank you, *Mr. President*, for giving my delegation the floor.

1. Allow me, on behalf of the Republic of Kenya, to congratulate **Dr. Gerd Müller** on his appointment as the next Director General of UNIDO. We extend our warmest welcome as he takes up the helm of the organization.
2. Dr. Müller, you are taking up the leadership of UNIDO at a time when the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, particularly on the socio-economic sectors are still much here with us.

However, as a country, we are confident that with your economic development credentials, and unwavering support from Member States, you will steer the organization to overcome these challenges, and further bridge the development gap between the developed and developing countries.

3. I once again, congratulate you, and assure you of Kenya's full support.

***I thank you, Mr. President.***