



**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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**Tribute to the outgoing Director General Mr. Li Yong**

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

1. Allow me, on behalf of the Republic of Kenya, to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Li Yong as he vacates the Office of Director General of UNIDO.
2. I take this opportunity to sincerely commend him for his tireless efforts, commitment and also for his immeasurable passion for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development during his tenure as Director General, which ensured developing countries are not left behind in industrial development.
3. In particular, we laud his vision for the implementation the IDDA III and the expansion of the Country Programme and Programme for Country Partnerships including Kenya's Self Stater PCP launched in January 2021, which are critical developmental programmes that are geared towards ensuring the attainment of not just industrial but also **inclusive** development in Africa.
4. Mr. Li Yong, on behalf of H.E Uhuru Kenyatta, the President of the Republic of Kenya, the Government and people of Kenya, and on my own behalf, I wish you every bit of success and good health in your future endeavors.
5. I once again, thank you. *Mr. President*.