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**AGENDA ITEM 3: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR 2021**

Mister President,

I wish to congratulate you and your Bureau on your election for the 50<sup>th</sup> session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board. Our thanks also to the Secretariat for the arrangements in preparation for this session. My delegation stands ready to work with you to ensure a successful outcome of this IDB session.

I would also like to thank Her Excellency Dominika Krois, for her leadership in the last session.

The Philippines aligns itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China, and wishes to add the following in our national capacity:

Mister President,

We wish to convey our appreciation to Director General Gerd Müller for his report and his opening remarks which underscored the importance of food, water, and energy security, digital technology, and climate change, among others. We thank the Director General for his efforts to transform UNIDO into an organization that is “fit for the future” by ensuring efficiencies in its operations, tapping young talent to join the organization, building more partnerships with the private sector and assisting middle income countries.

Mister President,

The Philippines had the privilege to receive DG Müller in Manila in September this year during which the Philippines and UNIDO reaffirmed, through a Joint Declaration, their commitment in accelerating and advancing the cause of inclusive and sustainable economic development, in the areas of food security, energy transition and efficiency, climate action, access to technology and innovation, and partnerships through trade and investment.

The constructive discussions during the visit on pressing development issues, including the equitable distribution on COVID-19 vaccines, renewable energy, fair labor and migration practices, and sustainable agriculture highlight the strong partnership between the Philippines and UNIDO. We look forward to further strengthening this partnership when we renew the highly successful Country Programme Framework that will spell out our industrial development priorities for the next five years.

Mister President,

The Philippines and UNIDO share a long history beginning with the establishment of UNIDO as a specialized agency of the UN in 1966 to the signing of our Basic Cooperation Agreement in 1993. Over the years, this relationship has evolved into a strategic partnership which has helped the Philippines, with the assistance of UNIDO, achieve its national development objectives.

Mister President,

The Philippines hopes to rejoin the Industrial Development Board (IDB) soon and contribute to the work of the Board in pursuing inclusive industrial development and advancement of the sustainable development goals, without leaving anyone behind.

Thank you, Mister President.