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**MESSAGE TO THE 20TH SESSION OF THE
UNIDO GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Vienna, 27 November 2023

I am pleased to send greetings to the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

You are meeting at a time of great tension and turmoil in our world.

Amidst escalating conflicts, widening inequalities, and worsening climate chaos, progress on the Sustainable Development Goals is slipping into reverse.

UNIDO's unique mandate makes it a pivotal actor supporting countries to tackle these crises and advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development, leaving no one behind.

Sustainable industrialization and green infrastructure are critical to boosting employment, building resilience, and realizing a just energy transition.

Innovation is essential to equip countries with the means and know-how to leverage new technologies and harness the benefits of the fourth industrial revolution.

Through all this and more, UNIDO is helping shape a future of peace, prosperity, and opportunity for all.

I thank you for your vital efforts and wish you a successful General Conference.
