

Statement by
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at the 20th Session of UNIDO General Conference

Madam President, (H.E. Ambassador Debora Lepre, Permanent Representative of Italy)
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. First of all, I wish to express my congratulation to you, Madam President, as the President of the 20th Session of the General Conference of UNIDO and to all the bureau members on their elections. We assure you of our full cooperation and support towards the successful and fruitful outcomes of this session.

2. I wish also to thank the outgoing President, H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Mezghani, former Permanent Representative of Tunisia for his leadership during the previous session, as well as other bureau members for their works.

Madam President,

3. Thailand associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and wishes to add the following remarks in our national capacity.

4. Amidst the increasing of global challenges, Thailand reaffirms its commitment to achieve inclusive and sustainable growth, to tackle climate changes and to enhance resilience. To attain these goals, we praise a pivotal role of UNIDO in assisting developing countries towards the Inclusive and Sustainable Development (ISID) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

5. Thailand commends UNIDO for the cooperation in technical cooperation programmes, policy advisory, and capacity building. In 2022, Thailand's projects with UNIDO collectively worth US\$19.5 million which cover various areas of cooperation, for example, clean and low carbon energy, low carbon and green industrial development, circular economy, and climate action. Thailand is also pleased that the Environment and Climate Change Canada, in cooperation with UNIDO, recently decided to finance a decarbonization project in Thailand that worth CAD \$8 million.

6. During the visit of UNIDO's Director General to Bangkok last month, we are pleased that both sides had an opportunity to exchange views on possible ways

to strengthening our cooperation with an aim to further promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development.

7. Thailand reaffirms its commitments to continue working closely with UNIDO to extend the scale and scope of the existing collaboration and to explore other potential areas. One of the prospects Thailand looks forward to strengthening our cooperation with UNIDO is South-South and Tri-angular Cooperation between Thailand, UNIDO and the third countries in the region under regional and sub-regional cooperation frameworks. These cooperations could enhance positive momentum in the region to accelerate the transformation of industrial sectors of Thailand along with the neighbouring countries in advancing inclusive and sustainable development, leaving no one behind.

Madam President,

8. As many UNIDO Member States are the middle-income countries (MICs), Thailand welcomes the updated workplan for the implementation of the Strategic Framework for Partnering with those countries to achieve the SDGs Goal 9 on industry. We call UNIDO to render their continued supports to them to overcome the middle-income trap in the major priority areas defined in programmatic approach, including industrial and economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and social inclusiveness.

9. Thailand wishes also to take this opportunity to commend the Director General's efforts for a comprehensive reform to raise the profile of UNIDO as a modern and results-oriented organization, and to strengthen its position in line with the needs and priorities of Member States. As one of the host countries to the Regional Hubs of UNIDO, Thailand welcomes the proposal to revise UNIDO's field structure which plays a crucial part in its works at the regional and national levels. We are looking forward to the new appointment of the Director and Representative of the Office in Thailand and wish to reiterate the importance of such position in enhancing UNIDO's visibility in the region and actively engage with Member States in this regard.

10. On a final note, I wish to reaffirm Thailand's commitment to continue supporting UNIDO and Member States to achieve the Organization's mandates of inclusive and sustainable development and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you Madam President.