

Statement by
the Islamic Republic of Iran
on
Appointment of UNIDO Director General

Madam President,

I fully associate myself with the statement delivered by the Group of 77 and China and in my national capacity I would like on behalf of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran to extend our warm congratulations to Mr. Li Yong for his reappointment as the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) for the second term.

Allow me, Madam President, to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for Director General's able leadership and valuable efforts during the past 4 years.

During his first term of office, Mr. Li Yong has guided the Organization with wisdom and discipline despite many challenges the Organization has been facing including financial difficulties. He successfully managed to engage UNIDO in different regional and global fora and to enhance further the status of the Organization at the international level.

Madam President,

I would like to reiterate our full support for UNIDO during Mr. Yong new term of office as Director General. The Islamic Republic of Iran is fully committed to cooperate constructively with other Member States to further advance the agenda and Goals of the Organization in the years to come.

Thank you,

Iran's reservation:

I wish to deliver an explanation of position on the report of Credential Committee.

My delegation would like to put on record that joining consensus on this item and/or taking note of the report of the Credential Committee constitutes by no means and under any circumstances the recognition of the regime of Israel.

I request that my delegation's reservation on this agenda item be duly recorded in the official reports of Credential Committee and the General Conference.

Thank you,