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Madam President;

UNIDO Director General;

Honourable Ministers;

Your Excellencies;

Distinguished Delegates;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you on behalf of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania on your election as President of the 17th session of the General Conference along with other members of the Bureau. We are confident that under your leadership, we will have fruitful discussions and outcomes.

Let me also congratulate Dr. Li Yong, for his re-election as UNIDO Director General for a second term. This demonstrates the confidence that member states have in you. I also commend you for the sterling job you did during your first

term. I have no doubt that you will continue steering the organisation to even greater heights in the years to come. My delegation assures you of our continued support in undertaking your duties and responsibilities.

Madam President,

I wish to align my Statement with those of the G 77 and China as delivered by Iran and the African Group delivered by Angola.

Tanzania's National Development Vision 2025 aims to transform the country to middle income level by 2025. To this end, the country is implementing the second phase of the Five Year Development Plan focusing on "Nurturing Industrialization for Economic Transformation and Human Development" and Zanzibar Strategy for Growth and Poverty Reduction (MKUZA III). We call for the UNIDO's country programme to be finalised and aligned with our National Development Vision and Industrial Plans.

We are also committed to implement the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Africa Union Agenda 2063.

Madam President,

Tanzania continues to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) as one of the key area that requires special attention in industrialisation process. We believe that in order to sustain industrial development in Africa, efforts must be geared towards supporting SMEs who account for more than 90 percent of firms to enable them participate effectively in the global value chain. As such, we urge Development Partners to continue supporting SMEs to ensure they play a leading role in sustainable industrialization in Africa.

Madam President,

UNIDO has been at the forefront in supporting industrial development in LDCs and Africa including Tanzania. In particular, the Organization has supported a number of projects that have benefited my country enormously. Your technical and financial support has assisted Tanzania in different sectors including development and implementation of pilot Industrial Upgrading and Modernisation for sunflower oil processors that have improved value addition to sunflower seeds in Tanzania. The results suggest improved productivity, generated income and reduced poverty. We profoundly appreciate UNIDO's interventions in establishing Industrial Intelligence Unit; preparation and publication of Tanzania and EAC Industrial Competitive Reports 2015 and 2017 respectively which could not be achieved without your support.

Madam President,

Tanzania welcomes and appreciates UNIDO initiative of Programme for Country Partnership (PCP). The PCP has portrayed a good example as innovative model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in pilot countries. We therefore call for the programme to be extended in Tanzania and other developing countries.

Madam President,

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen; May I conclude my statement by concurring with the 17th General Conference Theme: "**Partnering for Impact - Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**". Tanzania delegation believes that this year theme entails more joint efforts are needed to achieve the Agenda 2030 and Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development.

I THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION.