

**STATEMENT BY  
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Madam President,

1. At the outset, my delegation would like to congratulate you on your election as the President of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Conference, and also to all the members of your bureau. Please be assured of the fullest support and cooperation of my delegation to you and your team in reaching a productive conference.
2. Malaysia would like to congratulate Director-General Li Yong on his re-election for a second term. Malaysia attaches strong confidence and trust to DG Li Yong and his good office in steering the work of this Organisation to greater heights in the coming years.
3. Malaysia associates itself with the statement of the Group of 77 and China and would like to make the following remarks in its national capacity.

Madam President,

4. The mandate of UNIDO is increasingly valued as the key driver for the promotion and acceleration of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Malaysia attaches great importance to the role of UNIDO, with emphasis on the following:
  - 4.1 First - Malaysia welcomes the Secretariat's tireless efforts to align the programmatic and objectives of UNIDO with Goal 9 of 2030 Agenda For Sustainable Development;
  - 4.2 Second - Malaysia values the continuous efforts of UNIDO in working towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development in all the three dimensions involving economic, social and environmental, in a balanced and integrated manner. Therefore, we recognise the benefits of UNIDO's Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) in advancing the Goal of SDGs and welcome the expansion of PCP to countries like Cambodia and Kyrgyzstan;
  - 4.3 Third - Malaysia deeply appreciates the development of the four-year Medium-Term Programme Framework which sets a targeted direction for UNIDO's core functions and strategic priorities to better meet the needs, priorities and challenges of Member States in industrial development.

Madam President,

5. Malaysia and UNIDO have enjoyed a sustained partnership through cooperation in various capacity-building activities and technical assistance. As both recipient and contributor of UNIDO, Malaysia has learned a great deal of experience through the course of receiving and providing capacity-building and technical assistance. Malaysia remains committed to strengthening and building on its mutually beneficial partnership with UNIDO through the promotion of south-south cooperation and triangular cooperation.

6. The theme this year, “Partnering for impact – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”, confirms the important contributions of UNIDO in realizing the SDGs, especially in bringing Member States closer towards achieving its national developmental goals and priorities. In line with Malaysia’s aspiration to attain the status of High Income Advanced Nation, the implementation of the SDGs has been featured in Malaysia’s 11<sup>th</sup> Economic and Social Development Plan for 2016-2020.

7. To date, Malaysia and UNIDO have jointly implemented eight (8) projects in the areas of energy efficiency, Greenhouse Gas Emission (GHG) reduction, Sustainable Cities Development and clean technology. The implementation of the Industrial Energy Efficiency for Malaysia’s Manufacturing Sector (IEEMMS) is one notable project, which has successfully enhanced the capacity of Malaysia’s Small and Medium Enterprises’ through adherence to environmental standards and practices as well as efficient utilisation of resources and energy which resulted in a total of 20 large enterprises certified for energy management and 19 million tonnes of GHG reductions per annum.

8. In fulfilling its commitment under the Paris Agreement to reduce the Greenhouse Gas emissions of 45 percent by 2030, Malaysia is committed to implement further mitigation measures such as low carbon technology and energy efficiency management system. Malaysia, therefore, looks forward to strengthening its engagement with UNIDO in the areas of industrial development for inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. Malaysia also looks forward to discussing with UNIDO on possible financial schemes and incentives including the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Climate Change Fund in support of our efforts to enhance cooperation in the fields of renewable energy and climate change.

Madam President,

9. Malaysia welcomes UNIDO’s new strategic priority on “strengthening knowledge and institutions”, as an important step to increase efficiency and effectiveness of UNIDO for the collective benefit of all Member States and the

Secretariat. The new strategic priority merits our full support given its expected benefits aimed to strengthen, complement and add value to the existing strategic priorities of UNIDO on the following:

- 9.1 First - Malaysia strongly underlines the need for UNIDO to develop a more informed and proactive strategy so as to improve coordination and coherence among various divisions of UNIDO's Secretariat, especially on cross-cutting issues. This will shape more targeted policy directives and recommendations that could lead to conclusive results which would better meet the needs, priorities and challenges of Member States in industrial development;
- 9.2 Second - Malaysia underlines the importance of increasing the institutional support and the awareness of UNIDO's benefits so as to strengthen performance measures and ownership of the programmes including Programme for Country Partnership (PCP). We firmly believe that this will lead to firm assurance, trust and confidence to both existing donors and potential partners that resources devoted to UNIDO are utilised to the full benefits of Member States; and
- 9.3 Third - Malaysia emphasizes the importance to retain more qualified staffs so as to better safeguard institutional memory and knowledge of UNIDO.

Madam. President,

10. Malaysia firmly believes that that a sound financial footing is fundamental for the successful functioning of UNIDO. Clearly, the benefits and efficiency of UNIDO's programmes and activities could only be realised to the fullest, with the collective will of Member States to provide a sufficient, assured and predictable resources. It is for this reason that Malaysia continues to honor its contributions to UNIDO in full and a timely manner. Malaysia sincerely urges all Member States and potential partners, with the capacity to do so, to pledge their fullest support and contributions to UNIDO.

Thank you Mr. President.