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Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. President,

Let me start by saying that we would like to assure you and the other members of the Bureau of our full cooperation during this second special session of the General Conference. Austria fully aligns itself with the statement made earlier by Ireland on behalf of the European Union.

Today we are paying our tribute to the outgoing Director General Yumkella. He was successful in promoting UNIDO and its manifold projects and under his tenure the portfolio of the Organisation was successfully and impressively widened. The Austrian Delegation would like to thank Mr. Yumkella for his engagement and his dedication to the Organisation over the past eight years. We would like to wish Mr. Yumkella all the best for his future endeavors and for his new assignment as Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Sustainable Energy for All, which keeps him in Vienna in the neighborhood of the VIC.

Mr. President,

On behalf of the host country to this organization, I would also like to extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. Li Yong on his election and appointment as Director General of UNIDO. Mr. Li takes up this position at a critical point of time that has a great positive potential for the future of the Organisation itself and for its positioning in the broader context of the post-2015 development agenda. Austria stands ready to support and closely cooperate with Mr. Li as new Director General of UNIDO and we wish him all success for his important task.

Thank you Mr. President.