

**Congratulatory statement by the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, H.E.  
Ambassador Mahmoud Elamin, PR of the Sudan**

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1. First of all let me take this opportunity to reiterate the Group's appreciation for Dr. Yumkella's great leadership of the Organization during the past 7 ½ years and to wish him full success in his personal and professional future endeavors. The Group once more commends him for the overwhelming enthusiasm he has shown in leading UNIDO. The increase in technical cooperation delivery and the strengthening of UNIDO's expertise and role in industrial development are part of his legacy.

Director General, Mr. Li Yong,

2. I have the great honor to address you on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, to express our great satisfaction on your election as the new Director General of UNIDO and to ensure our full cooperation during your mandate.
3. The Organization is at a special juncture that requires optimism, pragmatism and action. While the services and expertise of UNIDO on its priority fields are still needed in all States of the Group of 77, the global development agenda is evolving and the financial crisis have changed the priorities of the traditional donors, creating new challenges for a small but very specialized Organization.
4. Your vast experience Mr. Li, give us hope and confidence for a better future of UNIDO, based on its relevance and contribution for a sustainable and inclusive development. Challenges and opportunities are to be faced, the Group is sure that under your guidance, UNIDO will be better positioned, will improve the delivery of cooperation, increase mobilization of resources and excel its management.
5. After intense and constructive discussions, Member States can provide you today, a budget and some strategic recommendations for the Organization. You offer us hope, vision and work. Together, we will make UNIDO a key and effective partner for development.
6. Director General, count on the support of the Group, its openness for a permanent and continuous dialogue.
7. The Group of 77 and China wishes you full success in this new endeavor.

Thank you Mr. President.