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Agenda Item 5: Appointment of the Director General

**Mr. Chairman,**

Let me at the outset express my delegation's profound appreciation for the outstanding manner in which Mr. Kandeh K. Yumkella led UNIDO during his two terms as the organization's Director General. Under his stewardship, UNIDO was able to make stellar progress in areas critical to the development of the industrial base in UNIDO's Member States. His continuous efforts served to enhance UNIDO's visibility, advance its core mandate and promote the organization's relevance to the global development agenda. We wish Mr. Yumkella every success in his future endeavours.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation extends its congratulations to Mr. Li. Yong on his appointment as the Director General of UNIDO.

Mr. Li's appointment here today is a clear sign of the deep respect and support that his determination to steer the work of this organization, has earned. His extensive work in the financial, industrial and development sectors, and his proven leadership abilities will be great assets in leading this organization in the efforts to advance sustainable industrial development, poverty reduction and inclusive economic growth. We are confident that through his commitment, UNIDO would be better positioned to contribute to the global industrial and development effort.

**Mr. Chairman,**

We strongly support the 5-pillar strategy Mr. Li intends to initiate to ensure that UNIDO is prepared to tackle the future challenges and embrace impending opportunities. Rest assured that the delegation of Pakistan in its national capacity and as members of the Asian Group and the Group of G-77+China will stand ready to support Mr. Yong and to provide constructive input to his mission in the years to come.

We wish the new Director General the greatest success in his new position and look forward to the next four years under his leadership and guidance.

**Thank you.**