

Statement
by
HE Mr. CHO Hyun
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to the International Organizations in Vienna
at the 2nd Special session of the General Conference of UNIDO
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Mr. President,

My delegation is pleased to see you chair this special session of the General Conference to appoint new Director General of UNIDO.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Kandeh Yumkella for his dedicated service he rendered during his tenure as Director General of the Organization over the past 8 years. I wish him all the best in his new responsibilities as Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Sustainable Energy for All Initiative.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Li Yong, new Director General we just appointed. We all have witnessed the strong support and trust placed in him from the member states of UNIDO this Monday.

I believe that it was a support for his firm commitment to UNIDO and to the sustainable industrial development. I believe that it was an expectation for his role to play in further promoting industrial development, enhancing the delivery of the programs and managing the Organization in an effective and efficient manner.

Mr. President,

As we are aware, UNIDO stands at a critical juncture. We have challenges before us on the future of the Organization and even some skepticism on the role of the body.

I am confident that Director General Li will face the challenges with wisdom and dispel the skepticism with resolution by translating his visions into concrete actions. While wishing him every success in discharging his duties, the Government of the Republic of Korea would like to assure him of its full support for his endeavors to achieve our common goals and objectives.

Thank you. /END/