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Mr. President,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Government of Thailand.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your election as President of the Second Special Session of UNIDO General Conference as well as the other members of the Bureau. We are confident that under your guidance this conference will result in a fruitful conclusion and we assure you of our full support and cooperation.

On this opportunity, Thailand would like to pay tribute to the outgoing Director-General, Dr. Kandeh Yumkella for his outstanding works and efforts devoted to the organization during his seven and a half-year tenure. While bidding farewell to him, we are of great pleasure to learn that he will take up his new position as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All and chief executive of the initiative. We wish him great success in his future endeavors.

We would also like to welcome and congratulate Mr. Li Yong, the Director- General designate of UNIDO. We are confident that under his capacity and able leadership, the Organization will accomplish its challenging tasks for the sustainable industrial development of the member countries. We assure him of Thailand's full support and cooperation.

Mr. President,

The challenge of complex globalization and marginalization in today's world economy accentuates the dire need to empower the people with a greater freedom from want, which is an important element for achieving human security. Thailand believes that UNIDO can play a catalytic role in strengthening the capacities of Member States to meet such challenge. We must strengthen international cooperation for the promotion of industrial development so that, together, we can re-configure the dynamism of globalization to our advantage.

I thank you Mr. President.