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**UNIDO SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**STATEMENT BY TURKEY**

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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, we would like to add our voice to the others who have expressed their thanks to Director General Yumkella for all the efforts he has undertaken during his tenure as the Director General of UNIDO. Under his leadership, UNIDO has passed successfully through the various challenges facing the organization. We would like to wish him success as the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Sustainable Energy for All, and in all his future endeavors. We are confident that he will excel at his new tenure, as well.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to Mr. Li Yong for his election as the Director General of UNIDO. We are confident that under his able leadership, UNIDO will increase its capabilities to fulfil its mandate and to deepen and widen its activities.

It is true that Mr. Li Yong is taking the lead at an exceptional time in the history of the Organization. The negative impacts of the economic and financial crisis, the withdrawal of some Member States and lastly difficult economic situations of some states do not help the efforts towards overcoming these challenges. Despite these unfortunate developments, Turkey believes that UNIDO has the capacity and the strength to overcome these challenges, taking its support from the will and belief of its Member States.

In conclusion, we reaffirm our full support to the work of UNIDO and to our new Director General Mr. Li Yong in order to achieve the goals set by this Organization towards sustainable development throughout the world, especially for the developing and least developed countries. Turkey will continue to contribute his fair share to our Organization.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.