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THE AMBASSADOR

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Mr. Li Yong
Director General
United Nations Industrial Development Organisation
Vienna

Dear Mr. Director General,

I would like to express Cyprus's sincere congratulations on UNIDO's landmark 50th anniversary.

UNIDO contributed extensively over the 50 years of its operation in assisting countries to enhance international trade, create jobs and reduce poverty, and people to improve their living standards and achieve better quality of life.

Its role in mainstreaming gender, youth and children policies to the rapidly progressing technological and economic environment has been crucially prominent.

The programme for country partnership is an innovative project which creates great expectations for many countries. We are particularly happy that the programme has been a success for Senegal and Ethiopia, which is in operation since early 2015, and we therefore welcome its further expansion to Peru.

The golden jubilee of UNIDO is marked by the start of a new era which brings new goals and targets. The adoption of the sustainable agenda 2030, and especially sustainable development goal 9 "*Build Resilient Infrastructure, Promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization and Foster Innovation*", proves more than ever that UNIDO is the driving force to human progress, trade and industrial development and ascertains the Organisation's leading role in international politics.



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While commending UNIDO's commitment in creating conditions of prosperity and human dignity, economic competitiveness and environmental sustainability, I reaffirm Cyprus's full support to the work of UNIDO to achieve our common development goals and address the global challenges we are being faced with.

On this occasion, dear Mr. Director General, I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to you my most sincere wishes and the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

Marios Ieronymides