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**United Nations Industrial Development Organization
50th Anniversary (November 2016)
Congratulatory Message of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta**

This year, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) completes the 50th year since its foundation. It is our great honour as well as pleasure to congratulate this important international organization, which has promoted and facilitated growth and development of its members for half a century.

Over the many years of a fruitful cooperation between the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) and UNIDO, we have been privileged to witness the most important role this organization plays in spreading sustainability, growth, development and enhanced opportunities by providing helpful assistance to its various members. In doing this, it has become an most important factor of international cooperation within the framework of the United Nations.

However, today's world is becoming increasingly complex, and the challenges we face are greater than ever. This stresses the potential that UNIDO has, and its importance in the years to come. Spreading prosperity, driving peaceful cooperation and sustainable development will be even more important in the 21st century than they were in the past. UNIDO has achieved a great lot, but there is more to do in the time to come!

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta greatly values the partnership it has had with UNIDO, and we are committed to continue on this path of mutual support, at least for the next 50! We look ahead to plenty more anniversaries in the future, and to the many achievements of this important organization.

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