

THAILAND

Statement by H.E. Mr. Arthayudh SRISAMOOT Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Thailand to congratulate UNIDO's 50 year Anniversary

Thailand would like to congratulate UNIDO on its landmark 50th Anniversary and to commend UNIDO for its outstanding efforts in poverty eradication through the promotion of industrial development. Tasked with such challenging mandate, UNIDO has excelled in realizing its missions. The instatement of SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation, is a strong endorsement to UNIDO's achievements.

The partnership between UNIDO and Thailand can be dated back as long as 1968. In total, Thailand has hosted more than 100 completed UNIDO projects with seven on-going projects and several more in the pipeline. Since 2000, Thailand has hosted the first regional office of UNIDO in Bangkok. This office will provided a base for UNIDO's outreach programmes in the Asia-pacific region, especially with the ASEAN region, the world's third largest single market. Thailand is determined to continue its support in expanding UNIDO's portfolio and activities in the region.

We reaffirm our support and cooperation to UNIDO, working closely with Director General Li and his staff, in realizing UNIDO's mandates in fulfilling the SDG goals, especially SDG 9 as a key driver toward a successful industrial development in our country.