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CONGRATULATIONS ON UNIDO'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear Mr Li,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my congratulations to you on this very special occasion of UNIDO's 50th anniversary.

Over the past half century, UNIDO has been driving tremendous amount of changes and positive impact in the developing countries and economies in transition. As a specialized agency of the UN to lead the industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization, and environmental sustainability, UNIDO has been a highly valuable strategic partner for many organizations who share the same mission and vision for sustainable development around the world.

As the global hub for skills excellence and development, we believe that a better future for the world resides in the hands of young people who are educated, empowered, and inspired to use their skills for building their career, achieving economic growth, and improving the world. We have had the great privilege to work with UNIDO in raising the awareness of the benefits and importance of skills development through several impactful initiatives in Africa in the past two years and the Green Industrial Skills for Sustainable Development Conference at WorldSkills Leipzig 2013.

UNIDO has our commitment to supporting our collaborative effort in promoting skills excellence and development in countries where they are most needed. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our partnership for many more years to come.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Theodor Niehaus
WorldSkills Foundation Chairman