Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- It is a great pleasure to be with you all here today to celebrate this anniversary.
- Thank you, Ambassador Khokher, for organizing this important meeting.
- The G-77 and China is the largest intergovernmental forum for developing countries in the UN-System, to give them a stronger, united voice in international diplomacy.
- And the G-77 and China has been a pioneer and key supporter of South-South and triangular cooperation, knowledge exchange and sharing best practices for common benefit.
- UNIDO can proudly point to many concrete results from our excellent collaboration with G-77 countries:
- In Group member states we have implemented 12 Programmes for Country Partnership, with more coming.

- We work specifically on behalf of LDCs, including with special initiatives like the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa.
- Our joint work supports ending hunger and poverty as well as achieving the SDG Goals, especially SDG 9.
- I am very grateful for our successful partnership with the G-77 and China, and its support for our mandate – for our work wordwide.
- And I am therefore very proud that UNIDO has also supported the G-77 Chapter in Vienna over the last 25 years with the establishment of the G-77 office by former Director General Mr. Carlos Magariños.
- We are glad and honoured to host you!
- UNIDO continues to rely on your engagement to help us deliver effective responses, in the quality you deserve.
- For all of the problems, there are solutions! And working together we can bring them.
- I look forward to continuing the long-lasting, excellent relationship between the G-77, UNIDO, and all other Vienna-based UN organizations.
- Thank you so much!