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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have the pleasure to convey to you my most sincere gratitude for your contribution to UNIDO's 50th anniversary events, which took place from 21 to 25 November 2016.

The EXPO highlighted UNIDO's work as well as that of our Member States and partners. The high-level events throughout the week enabled us to reflect on UNIDO's past; to strengthen our existing partnerships and create new ones; and to illustrate the key role of our mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

During the week, we welcomed over 1,585 guests from governments, international organizations, private sector partners and academia, as well as the international media from more than 190 countries. Over 155 speakers and panellists debated on the broad range of our activities, from our Programme for Country Partnership approach through our work on women and youth entrepreneurship, green energy, job creation and creative industries to their contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

I wish to thank you for your participation and support, and look forward to our continued cooperation as we both seek to respond effectively to the development challenges facing us today.

Yours sincerely,

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