

**Mr. President,
Madame Director General,
Excellencies,
Members of the Board of Advisors,
Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,**

It gives me great pleasure to deliver this statement. Agenda 2030 puts forward a clear plan to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence.

A core principle of the Agenda is that: “there can be no sustainable development without peace, and no peace without sustainable development”.

In this context, the role of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) is prominent in supporting national efforts to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

We commend IDLO for its efforts to support this goal. Nevertheless, we reaffirm that any programmes should be in response to the needs and priorities of Member States and without any interference in the internal affairs of Members.

Distinguished delegates,

The Assembly of parties of the International Development Law Organization convenes this year at a very critical point. Few days ago, terrorism targeted a mosque in Northern Sinai killing 305 innocent prayers including Children and women. The recent wave of indiscriminate terrorism, that targets civilians across the world, reconfirms that terrorism is a threat to international peace and security and that countering this threat requires collective efforts on national, regional and international levels on the basis of respect for the rule of law and the Charter of the United Nations.

In the meantime, the world is witnessing an increasing number of conflicts and four imminent famines, which resulted in a massive migration from conflict areas to Europe that is the considered to be largest migration crisis since World War Two.

IDLO as the only intergovernmental organization devoted to promote the rule of law, is in a position to contribute effectively to the international efforts to counter this dangerous phenomenon of terrorism and its implications.

There is a synergetic relationship between sustainable development and the realization of peace and security. Both are interlinked. We can't achieve sustainable

development if our world continues to suffer from the threats of terrorism, conflicts and hunger.

Egypt, through its membership in the UN Security Council has always advocated for dealing with root causes of conflicts, to pave the way for achieving sustainable development at the national, regional and international levels.

Distinguished Delegates,

We encourage IDLO to play a key role in supporting economic growth and development, by responding to national needs to improve the legislative and legal investment frameworks, in the context of supporting the realization of Agenda 2030.

We recognize the role IDLO has played in the negotiations to formulate Agenda 2030 and its role in supporting the achievement of these goals especially goal 16 on the “Promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development”.

The rule of law is at the center of agenda 2030. It is inconceivable to envision that these universal objectives could be achieved without a collective effort to uphold the rule of law in every single sector.

In this regard, I would like to reconfirm Egypt's commitment to support all international efforts that could contribute to the achievement of these objectives.

Egypt believes that these goals shall result in balanced and fair development that benefits everybody, with special attention to women and children. This requires meaningful participation of all segments of the society.

The right to development is the corner stone of the "Egyptian Sustainable Development Strategy 2030"; which aims at achieving comprehensive sustainable economic development, improving the investment context, enhancing human capital and accomplishing social justice together with providing decent life for the Egyptian citizen.

In this regard, we believe, the national efforts to achieve these goals should be supported by the international community, which should continue to deal actively with other challenges that hamper achieving sustainable development.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We note the IDLO management plan and the efforts being made to put the organization into a sustainable growth trajectory especially in an increasingly changing

international environment. We call on the organization to focus its efforts in the next years in enhancing its impact in line with the national priorities. This will require successful organizational reform while reducing the organization risks.

One important challenge at this stage is to revitalize the resource mobilization of the organization including by expanding and diversifying the funding base. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all donors -and in particular the host country Italy- for their continuous generous support to the organization.

We stress the importance of a more meaningful participation of developing countries in the governance of the organization. We also highlight the importance of giving more priority to the challenges facing developing countries such as the rule of law, social inclusion, economic empowerment as well as dealing with the challenges arising from migration.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before I conclude my statement I would like to welcome the new members: Sweden and Mali, and to confirm our determination to work together to achieve the collective objectives of the organization.

Thank you

