

**PHILIPPINE INTERVENTION
IDLO ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**

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Management Plan and Budget for 2018

Thank you Mr. President.

We thank IDLO for its work in the Philippines, particularly the training programs of prosecutors in the office of the Ombudsman, and in the Department of Justice, in partnership with, the US State Department.

We specifically welcome the trend of diversifying IDLO's presence in different regions. As a member of ASEAN, we support IDLO's initiatives and operations in Southeast Asia, and will continue to extend our support to IDLO's expansion in Southeast Asia.

We welcome the continued alignment of IDLO goals towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. The Philippines sees the rule of law as an essential component for inclusive growth and a crucial element in enhancing the social fabric.

We support IDLO's efforts to expand its financial and political support as well as strategic partnerships. We thank the generosity of donor countries and international organizations. We commend the work of the Director General for the wise management of IDLO's resources in 2017 that enabled it to operate within its budget.

We support IDLO for its action goals in 2018 and special focus on women empowerment and the marginalized. The Philippines also look forward to IDLO's future work on the issue of migration.

With this, the Philippines gives its support for the Management Plan 2018 and Budget 2018. Thank you.