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***Mr. President,
Madame Director General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,***

It's my pleasure to be here to address this precious Assembly. Allow me at the outset, Excellencies, to add my voice to those who have welcomed IDLO new members. Furthermore, I would like to commend the work done by the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the reform of the organization for more effectiveness.

Ladies and Gentlemen

As we work hard to achieve peace and sustainable development, the world witnesses more conflicts, more Internally Displaced Persons, refugees and migrants. In such fragile situation, it's difficult to have effective rule of law, prosperity, inclusive economic growth, sustainable development and efficient and accountable institutions to sustain peace. These issues, we are here to discuss, need political will and commitment, collective work and serious engagement of all countries and stakeholders.

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Sudan continues its effort to achieve the rule of law, transparency, combat terrorism, money laundering and human trafficking. The Government of Sudan formed a national body to counter terrorism in all its forms. In this context my country got recognition from many effective players in the field of countering terrorism. Lately Sudan was accredited as a member of the Global Counterterrorism Forum in its session held in Khartoum in October.

For building consensus to strengthen the rule of law, the president of the Republic, has called for a national, comprehensive political dialogue, where all political parties in the government and opposition, and most of the leaders of armed groups participated. They discussed all national issues like identity, freedoms and fundamental rights, peace and unity, economy, foreign relations and governance issues. The discussion has resulted in a national document. Accordingly, a national unity government was formed and new prime minister was appointed. Now all political parties are preparing themselves to the general elections to be held in 2020.

Another significant step meant to achieve peace in Sudan is a campaign to collect illegal weapons in all states, specially Dafur, South Kordufan and Blue Nile. In this regard we call on the international community to exercise whatever leverages they have on the armed groups to join the peace process.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Another important development that will help Sudan in its efforts to achieve sustainability of the rule of law, economic growth and sustainable development, took place on October 12, the government of the United States of America permanently lifted the economic sanctions imposed on Sudan twenty years ago. The lifting of sanctions was a direct result of the progress made by Sudan in achieving peace in conflict areas, collaborating in the efforts to achieve stability in the region and cooperation on countering terrorism.

Excellencies,

Sudan welcomes this decision and determined to engage in a constructive dialogue to be removed from the United States list of 'States sponsoring of Terrorism', which we believe we not belong to. Further positive steps are needed to strengthen our capacity in the rule of law, and we believe, with your cooperation and collaboration with all stakeholders, we shall achieve our goals.

I wish you all success and thank you for your attention.