

RESOLUTION No. 3/2019
ON CONCLUDING HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENTS
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
November 13, 2019

The Assembly of the Parties,

Recognizing that IDLO is an inter-governmental organization headquartered in Rome with country offices around the world as well as a branch office in the Netherlands and representational offices to the United Nations in Geneva and New York;

Considering that IDLO has secured appropriate privileges and immunities in a number of countries in which it operates through the conclusion of Host Country Agreements (HCAs) or other arrangements acknowledging its legal status;

Stressing that HCAs not only guarantee appropriate recognition for IDLO as an international organization, but also include basic legal provisions essential for the proper functioning of its offices and the effective implementation of its programs as well as the protection of its employees as international civil servants;

Expressing concern regarding the impact on the Organization's budgets in the absence of an HCA;

Noting that the conclusion of an HCA facilitates the future expansion of the Organization's work in a country as well as the development of programs in new countries;

Welcoming IDLO's recent efforts that have led to the conclusion of nine HCAs since 2016, including HCAs that entered into force this year with Jordan and Montenegro;

Welcoming in particular the entry into force on October 1, 2019, of a new Headquarters Agreement between IDLO and the Republic of Italy;

Emphasizing that Article VIII of the Establishment Agreement calls on all Member States to grant IDLO rights, privileges, and immunities comparable to those provided by Italy in the Headquarters Agreement in support of IDLO's activities in their territory;

Mindful that Article VIII also encourages non-member countries where IDLO operates to grant similar rights, privileges, and immunities to the Organization;

Acting in accordance with Article VI of the Establishment Agreement and Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties;

Resolves to:

Remind Member States of their commitment under Article VIII of the Establishment Agreement;

Call upon Member States that have not yet done so to undertake as a priority the swift conclusion of an HCA with IDLO consistent with Article VIII of the Establishment Agreement;

Urge all Member States to support IDLO in its efforts to conclude HCAs, including with non-member countries in which the Organization has operations;

Request the Secretariat to provide a report to the Assembly of the Parties at its next session on the progress made in providing for the legal status of the Organization in the countries in which it operates, through HCAs or otherwise, including the status of any ongoing negotiations, and the challenges faced in this regard.

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