

**RESOLUTION No. 1/2019**  
**ON THE APPROVAL OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
**AND BUDGET FOR 2020**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*In accordance with* Article VI(1)(C)(a) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) of February 5, 1988, as amended; and Article 28(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties;

*Noting* with satisfaction the remarkable progress being made by the Organization in meeting the goals of Strategy 2020;

*Reiterating* its call to ensure that the Organization's work during the planning period covered by Strategy 2020 should be geared to maximize the contribution that IDLO can make, within its mandate, to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

*Resolves to:*

*Approve* the Management Plan and Budget for 2020 as submitted in documents AP/2019/3.1 and AP/2019/3.2;

*Express* its appreciation to Member Parties and other donors that are providing financial contributions to the Organization, particularly those that have generously increased their unrestricted contribution, and encourage other Member Parties to consider such contributions;

*Thank* the Director-General for the advances during 2019 in enhancing program development and institutional efficiency and pursuing membership growth and sustained resource mobilization;

*Call upon* Member Parties to bring their best efforts to bear in responding to and supporting the Organization's efforts to continue to strengthen IDLO.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION No. 2/2019**  
**ON THE APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONAL FUND**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of the Parties,

*Noting* the IDLO Reserves Policy approved by the Standing Committee on July 23, 2019;

*Aware* that the Reserves Policy calls for the creation of an Operational Fund, comprised of funds in excess of the minimum required level of reserves, to be managed by the Director-General with the aim of improving the operational effectiveness and growth of the organization;

*Mindful* that, pursuant to the Reserves Policy, the Operational Fund may be used for institutional projects, program development, or self-funded projects;

*Wishing* to provide flexibility to the Director-General to make use of the Operational Fund when such opportunities are identified between sessions of the Assembly of Parties;

*Having in mind* the IDLO Strategy 2020 and 2020 Management Plan;

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

*Resolves* to:

*Approve* the creation of the Operational Fund and the initial Operational Fund balance based on the 2018 surplus of 680,000 Euros;

*Request* the Standing Committee to review and confirm any further Operational Fund balance after completion of the audit of IDLO's 2019 financial statements and by the same mechanism as set forth in the IDLO Reserves Policy to confirm the future Operational Fund balances in subsequent years;

*Authorize* the Standing Committee to approve, up to the level of the confirmed Operational Fund balance, institutional projects, program development, and self-funded projects proposed by the Director-General to be funded from the Operational Fund in line with IDLO's approved Strategy and Management Plan;

*Request* that the Director-General report to the Assembly of Parties annually on the use of the Operational Fund in connection with the presentation of the management plan and budget.

/ENDS

**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.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION NO. 4/2019**  
**ON THE ELECTION OF *AD HOC* MEMBERS OF THE**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of the Parties,

*In accordance with* Article VI(2) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of February 5, 1988, as amended; Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties; and Article V of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee;

*Considering* the November 28, 2017, amendment to the Establishment Agreement increased the number of *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee from two to four;

*Noting* that, subsequent to the 2017 amendment, one of the *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee was elected in 2018 while three are to be elected in 2019;

*Expressing concern* that this pattern of imbalance in the election schedule, were it to continue, would be inconsistent with the intent of Article VI(2)B of the Establishment Agreement that *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee be elected “in alternate years” to facilitate continuity of membership on the Standing Committee;

*Noting* that a Member Party elected as an *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee in any year can seek re-election at the end of its term;

*Emphasizing* that the interpretation of a treaty should take into account any subsequent agreement between the parties on the interpretation of the treaty or the application of its provisions;

*Resolves to:*

*Reaffirm* the intent of the Member Parties that *ad hoc* seats on the Standing Committee should be filled in equal numbers “in alternate years”;

*Fill*, exceptionally in 2019, one of the three open seats on the Standing Committee for a one-year term, while the other two seats will be filled for the regular two-year term, in order to restore the normal cycle of Standing Committee elections.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION NO. 5/2019**  
**ON AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE**  
**OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*Recalling* the establishment of the Audit and Finance Committee, pursuant to Article 33 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties of the International Development Law Organization;

*Taking note* of the fact that the Audit and Finance Committee has submitted proposed amendments to its Rules of Procedure;

*Noting* that the Standing Committee has, at its meeting of October 8, 2019, fully endorsed the proposed amendments and has itself proposed additional amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee;

*Acting consistently* with Article VI(1)(C)(e) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization and Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties;

*Resolves to:*

*Adopt* with immediate effect the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties as set forth in the document AP/2019/8.1 and attached with this resolution.

/ENDS

## ATTACHMENT: Amendments

**A. Membership**

*Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties is replaced by the following:*

**ARTICLE 2  
Membership**

1. The Audit and Finance Committee is appointed by the Assembly of Parties and shall be composed of five to seven Member Parties chosen from among members of the Assembly of Parties. The Member Parties should select individuals to represent them on the Audit and Finance Committee who have or have access to relevant financial expertise or resource management experience, in particular in or with international organizations.
2. An appointment to the Audit and Finance Committee shall be made for a two-year term that may be renewed.
3. The Assembly of Parties shall appoint a Chair from among the members of the Audit and Finance Committee. To the extent possible, the individual selected to represent the Chair should have experience in or with international organizations and relevant financial expertise. The members of the Audit and Finance Committee shall, at their first meeting of each calendar year, appoint a Vice-Chair from among the members. The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the Chair's functions as set forth in these rules.
4. In the event a member can no longer serve on the Audit and Finance Committee, the Standing Committee may appoint an interim member until the next meeting of the Assembly of Parties.

**B. Meetings**

*In Article 4 ("Meetings") of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties, insert a new paragraph 3 as follows and re-number the subsequent paragraphs accordingly:*

3. A quorum for a meeting shall consist of a majority of members of the Audit and Finance Committee. No decision shall be taken at a meeting in the absence of a quorum.

## **C. Decisions**

*After Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties, insert two new Articles as follows and re-number the subsequent Articles accordingly:*

### **ARTICLE 5 Decisions**

1. Decisions of the Audit and Finance Committee shall be taken by consensus unless a vote is requested by the Chair or by three members.
2. Decisions of the Audit and Finance Committee by voting shall be taken by a simple majority of the members present.
3. If a vote is equally divided, the issue can be presented to the Standing Committee without a recommendation.

### **ARTICLE 6 Decisions Taken in Writing in Lieu of a Meeting**

1. Any member of the Audit and Finance Committee or the Director-General may request that a decision is taken between sessions of the Audit and Finance Committee in writing in lieu of a meeting.
2. Following a specific request by the Chair, the Secretariat shall communicate the proposal of a decision to all the members of the Audit and Finance Committee for their approval or comments within a reasonable period established by the Chair; any comments received within the time limits established shall also be communicated.
3. Decisions of the Audit and Finance Committee between sessions shall be taken by consensus or by a majority of written votes cast provided that a majority of the members of the Audit and Finance Committee cast votes.
4. Decisions may be taken between sessions by consensus through a silence procedure. The Secretariat shall communicate the proposed decision to all the members of the Audit and Finance Committee for their approval within a period established by the Chair of no less than 14 days of communication. If no objection is received within the time limit established by the Chair, the decision shall be deemed to have been adopted by consensus. If an objection is received, the Chair may request that the Secretariat recirculate the decision for a vote.



**RESOLUTION NO. 6/2019**  
**ON AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*Recalling* that Article IX of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee provides for the possibility of the Standing Committee taking decisions in writing between sessions;

*Noting* that the rule currently provides that decisions may be taken by consensus through a silence procedure if such decisions are communicated to members of the Standing Committee for their consideration for a period of no less than 30 days;

*Recognizing* that the Standing Committee must sometimes take decisions on time-sensitive or even urgent matters between sessions;

*Taking note* that the Standing Committee has submitted a proposed amendment to Article IX that would reduce the amount of time required for consideration of certain proposed decisions before such decisions can be adopted by consensus through a silence procedure;

*Further taking note* that any member of the Standing Committee can object to a decision being taken by a silence procedure, after which such a decision may be recirculated for a vote;

*Acting* consistent with Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties and Article XVII of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee;

*Resolves to:*

*Adopt* with immediate effect the following amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee:

Article IX (4) of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee is amended to read as follows:

Decisions may be taken between sessions by consensus through a silence procedure. The Secretariat shall communicate the proposed decision to all the members of the Standing Committee for their approval within a period established by the President that will generally be no less than

30 days of communication, but in cases where expedited action is justified may be no less than 14 days of communication. If no objection is received within the time limit established by the President, the decision shall be deemed to have been adopted by consensus. If an objection is received, the President may request that the Secretariat recirculate the decision for a vote.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION No. 7/2019**  
**ON THE ELECTION OF THREE AD HOC MEMBERS**  
**OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*In accordance with* Article VI(2)(B) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of February 5, 1988, as amended (Establishment Agreement); Articles 28 to 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties; and Article V of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee;

*Recalling* Resolution No. 4/2017 by which Ecuador, Kuwait and Peru were elected to serve as *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee for two-year terms, expiring at the 2019 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Considering* Resolution No. 3/2019, in which the Assembly of Parties reaffirmed the intent of the Member Parties that *ad hoc* seats on the Standing Committee should be filled in equal numbers in alternate years and resolved to fill, exceptionally in 2019, one of the three open seats on the Standing Committee for a one-year term in order to restore the normal cycle of Standing Committee elections;

*Considering* that the Assembly of Parties has been presented with the following candidates: Kuwait and the Philippines, for a two-year term as an *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee, and Ecuador for a one-year term as an *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee;

*Resolves to:*

*Elect* Kuwait and the Philippines to serve as *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee for a two-year term of office, expiring at the 2021 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Elect* Ecuador to serve as an *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee for a one-year term of office, expiring at the 2020 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION No. 8/2019**  
**ON THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS**  
**TO THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*In accordance with* Articles 28 to 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties, as amended; and Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties;

*Recalling* Resolution No. 5/2017 by which Egypt was appointed as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee for a two-year term expiring at the 2019 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Recalling* Resolution No. 5/2018 by which Italy was appointed as member of the Audit and Finance Committee for a one-year term expiring at the 2019 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Noting* Resolution No. 5/2019, by which the Assembly of Parties has amended the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee;

*Noting* that Article 2(1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee, as now amended, establishes that the Audit and Finance Committee shall be composed of 5 to 7 Member Parties, which are appointed by the Assembly of Parties;

*Taking Note* that three Member Parties – Pakistan, Peru, and the United States – have terms of office that extend until the 2020 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties, with the result that there are now four vacant positions on the Audit and Finance Committee;

*Considering* that the Assembly of Parties has been presented with the following candidates for membership on the Audit and Finance Committee: Italy, Kuwait, Senegal and Turkey;

*Resolves to:*

*Appoint* Italy, Kuwait, Senegal and Turkey to serve as members of the Audit and Finance Committee for a two-year term expiring at the 2021 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION No. 9/2019**  
**ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF**  
**THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*In accordance with* Articles 28 to 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties, as amended; and Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties;

*Recalling* Resolution No. 5/2018 by which Italy, represented by Mr. Filippo Alessi, was appointed as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee for a one-year term expiring at the 2019 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Noting* Resolution No. 5/2019, by which the Assembly of Parties has amended the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee;

*Noting* that Article 2(3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Audit and Finance Committee of the Assembly of Parties, as now amended, provides that the Assembly of Parties “shall appoint a Chair from among the members of the Audit and Finance Committee” and that the Chair of the Committee, to the extent possible, “should have experience in or with international organizations and relevant financial expertise”; and

*Considering* that the Assembly of Parties has been presented with the following candidate for Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee: Italy;

*Resolves to:*

*Appoint* Italy, represented by Mr. Filippo Alessi, to serve as Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee for a two-year term expiring at the 2021 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties.

/ENDS

**RESOLUTION No. 10/2019**  
**ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS**  
**OF THE BOARD OF ADVISERS**  
**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
**November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*In accordance with* Article VI (3)(A) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of February 5, 1988, as amended; Articles 28 to 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties; and Articles III and IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Board of Advisers;

*Recalling* Resolution No. 4/2015 by which Dr. Soukeina Bouraoui, Mr. Hassan Cisse, Ms. Hongxia Liu, and Mr. Daniel Rowland were appointed as members of the Board of Advisers for a four-year term expiring at the 2019 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Considering* that the Assembly of Parties has been presented with the following candidates for membership on the Board of Advisers: Mr. Hassane Cisse, Mr. Patrick O'Brien and Ms. Xiaoyan Zhou;

*Resolves to:*

*Appoint* Mr. Hassane Cisse, Mr. Patrick O'Brien and Ms. Xiaoyan Zhou to serve on the Board of Advisers for a four-year term expiring at the 2023 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties;

*Express* its appreciation for their service to the Organization to outgoing Board Members Dr. Soukeina Bouraoui, Ms. Hongxia Liu and Mr. Daniel Rowland whose terms have now ended.

/ ENDS

**RESOLUTION No. 11/2019  
ON THE APPOINTMENT OF  
THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES  
November 13, 2019**

The Assembly of Parties,

*In accordance with* Article VI(1)(D)(c) and VI(4)(A) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of February 5, 1988, as amended, and Articles 28 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties;

*Expressing its deep appreciation* to Irene Khan for her eight years of dedicated service and effective leadership as Director-General of IDLO;

*Recalling* Resolution No. 2/2018, by which the Assembly of Parties endorsed the Proposed Process for the 2019 Selection of the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization;

*Considering* that the President of the Assembly of Parties circulated to all Member Parties an invitation to submit candidates for the position of Director-General and arranged for the publication of a call for candidates in accordance with the recruitment procedures for other officials of the Organization;

*Noting* that the Standing Committee considered all nominations and applications and prepared a short list of seven candidates who were then interviewed by the Standing Committee and interested Member Parties;

*Also noting* that the Board of Advisers interviewed the seven shortlisted candidates and provided its advice and recommendations to the Standing Committee;

*Further noting* that the Standing Committee has, consistent with Article XVI of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee, referred to the Assembly of Parties three candidates for the position of Director-General in the following alphabetical order: Jan Beagle, Andrew Gilmour and Mette Knudsen; and

*Recognizing* the results of the election conducted pursuant to the rules set forth in Article 30(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties;

*Resolves to:*

*Elect* Jan Beagle as the Director-General of IDLO for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2020 and expiring on 31 December 2023;

*Request* the Standing Committee to approve and the President to sign the contract of employment of the new Director-General in accordance with the provisions set out in Article XVI (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee.

/ENDS