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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES  
30 NOVEMBER 2022**

**Mr. President, Ambassador Bruno Archi,  
Madam Director General, Jan Beagle,  
Members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to Rome,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a great pleasure for me to open the IDLO Assembly of Parties and to welcome you to Rome and to the Farnesina, after another difficult year for all of us.

The challenges of our time are many, complex and interconnected. The aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, added to the effects of climate change, have fueled multidimensional crises, making it increasingly difficult to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals globally.

We know that sustainable development can only be achieved in peacetime. The international community as a whole should therefore be fully committed to the principles of international law and a rules-based order.

The rule of law plays a key role in sustaining peace by helping to address the root causes of conflict and insecurity. In addition, a just and inclusive society based on the rule of law enables poor, marginalized and other vulnerable groups to access essential public services such as justice, health and education.

The protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the fight against all forms of discrimination have always been at the heart of Italy's policy and action, both nationally and internationally. Italy firmly believes that stronger institutions, enabling more effective governance, can reduce inequality while promoting sustainable development, which in turn is an enabling factor for peace, justice and inclusion.

IDLO's role is of the utmost importance, especially given that its mandate - upholding the rule of law and promoting justice as a mean to sustainable development - is unique

among international organizations and multilateral bodies. And we are aware that even in this area, strengthening multilateral cooperation is the only way to overcome crises.

Italy fully supports IDLO and its activities. IDLO's growing visibility consolidates the Organization's international relevance in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and in particular Sustainable Development Goal 16: 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. I would like to mention in this regard that in the last four years Italy has organized a global conference on Sustainable Development Goal 16 in Rome, with an exceptional level of participation. We hope to organize the next edition in the spring.

We also appreciate the strengthening of partnerships that IDLO has built in recent years with the United Nations development system, both in Rome and New York. In the same spirit, we support IDLO's efforts in its programs to promote justice for women and girls, to support access to justice despite continuing restrictions on mobility, and to improve efficiency and transparency in the administration of justice in partner countries.

Under pandemic COVID 19, IDLO in collaboration with WHO led an effort to strengthen legal and policy frameworks on pandemic preparedness and public health emergency response. In collaboration with FAO, it developed projects to mitigate the impact of emergency laws and regulations on food supply, particularly with regard to marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Ladies and gentlemen,

In recent years we have worked intensively with IDLO and have witnessed the gradual acquisition of relevance of the Organization in the framework of international organizations headquartered in Italy. I am confident that the collaboration will be increasingly fruitful and productive of results.

I wish everyone good work.

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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**H.E. Under Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs of Italian Republic,  
Director-General IDLO,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Colleagues,  
Ladies & Gentlemen,**

Italy is proud to preside ad interim IDLO's Assembly of Parties.

In 2022, despite the massive challenges, IDLO has fully delivered on its mandate.

I would like to congratulate Director General Beagle for her leadership and commend the entire IDLO Staff for their commitment, here in Rome and in the field.

Rule of law is the base for peace and security - as SDG 16 of the UN Agenda 2030 captures very well.

2022 has been afflicted by the unjustified and unprovoked aggression that the Russian Federation has carried out against Ukraine.

War is a tragedy and a failure for us all, but its fallout affects Countries well beyond the geographical boundaries.

Mitigating Climate Change is the other epic challenge Countries are facing.

Conflicts, food insecurity, climate change and the aftermath of pandemic make a perfect storm and we need to stay united and to work in a coordinated manner in order to succeed.

Through its remarkable work, and thanks to all the donors and supporters, IDLO has fostered resilience across the world.

Transparency, good governance, sustainability, fight against corruption are the tools that the Organization has powered to enhance justice.

Climate justice and access to food rights are paramount - together with gender equality.

This year IDLO has been once again at the forefront of this collective, multilateral action.

Working together makes the difference. And IDLO has proved to be able do so even in difficult times.

Thanks to you all for your support and your contribution.

**STATEMENT OF AUSTRIA**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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Mr./Mdm. Chairperson,

Distinguished Delegates,

Today, the mission of the International Development Law Organisation to promote the rule of law to advance peace and sustainable development is more important than ever. The COVID 19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine had huge ramifications for human rights, the rule of law and international peace and stability. Against this background let me highlight that Austria stands in full solidarity and support with Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

In this context, we would like to use this opportunity to thank the Director-General for the report on IDLO's activities. Austria remains convinced that IDLO's commitment and work on the ground is making an important contribution to advance sustainable development and the Agenda 2030 and to help build more peaceful, inclusive and resilient societies.

We are pleased to hear about IDLO's various activities along its two strategic goals, namely making justice systems more effective and responsive to people's needs, and to promote the rule of law as a driver for peace and sustainable development. In this context, we particularly welcome the efforts undertaken by IDLO in Ukraine to promote accountability for violations of international criminal and humanitarian law.

Austria welcomes IDLO's efforts to strengthen engagement with other organisations and UN entities such as UNODC. As IDLO has also increased its activities in the area of anti-corruption, Austria encourages close coordination with other actors to avoid overlap and duplication. On this note, we encourage IDLO to explore further avenues for cooperation with relevant players, such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy.

Thank you.



**STATEMENT OF BURKINA FASO**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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**Monsieur le Président de l'Assemblée des Parties,**

**Madame la Directrice Générale,**

**Excellences, mesdames et messieurs les délégués,**

Je voudrais, avant tout propos, vous renouveler, Madame la Directrice générale, mes vives félicitations et mes encouragements pour votre leadership et les multiples acquis engrangés depuis que vous avez pris les rênes de l'Organisation Internationale de Droit du Développement (OIDD).

Je voudrais également vous adresser mes remerciements, à vous et à votre équipe, pour les actions d'information au profit des Ambassades pour nous mettre à jour des activités de terrain de l'OIDD dans nos pays.

**Madame la Directrice Générale,**

De votre rapport, il ressort que notre organisation commune continue de dérouler brillamment son programme et de s'affirmer de ce fait comme une organisation internationale incontournable en matière de promotion de l'Etat de droit, de la bonne gouvernance et de la justice sociale.

Pour la région du Sahel et plus particulièrement le Burkina Faso, l'OIDD a lancé, le 28 mai 2021, le programme d'«Appui intégré aux systèmes de justice pénale au Sahel». Le Burkina Faso se félicite de l'état d'exécution de ce programme avec notamment la mise en place de deux nouveaux Cadres de Concertation (CdC) des acteurs des chaînes pénales de Ouagadougou et de Bobo-Dioulasso, en plus de ceux existants. Ces CdC sont des structures efficaces, améliorent le travail au sein des juridictions et la communication entre les acteurs, et renforcent la confiance des justiciables.

Le format des CdC tel qu'il existe est approprié, simple, à moindre coût de sorte que les CdC sont durables même lorsque l'appui de l'OIDD prendra fin.

Les résultats sont d'ailleurs déjà perceptibles et les acteurs de terrain nous font parvenir des motifs de satisfaction pour le professionnalisme, l'écoute et le respect mutuel des acteurs par les équipes terrain de l'OIDD.

Ces résultats sont d'autant plus appréciés par le Gouvernement du Burkina Faso qu'ils interviennent dans un contexte de crise au Sahel, ou de nombreux partenaires, pour des raisons de sécurité, ont suspendu ou arrêté leur projets et programmes d'appui dans les zones sous influence terroriste. L'OIDD est toujours présente.

**Excellences, mesdames et messieurs les délégués,**

L'appui à l'accès à la justice par la franche vulnérable de la population, notamment les femmes et les jeunes filles, évoqué dans le rapport se matérialise dans mon pays par un soutien de l'OIDD au Fonds d'Assistance Judiciaire, organisme qui prend en charge, au profit des personnes vulnérables, les frais générés par les procédures judiciaires. C'est

pourquoi, je me réjouis également du lancement au Burkina Faso du projet « Faire progresser la justice climatique pour les femmes et les filles ».

**Mesdames, messieurs,**

Le contexte international actuel appelle à plus de multilatéralisme, de dialogue et d'inclusion. Permettez-moi donc de féliciter la Directrice générale pour les efforts déployés pour renforcer le partenariat et la coopération avec les différents pays mais aussi avec les autres organisations internationales.

Tout cela dénote d'une dynamique d'ancrage et de rayonnement entamée depuis des années et que vous avez brillamment poursuivie.

Je voudrais enfin réaffirmer la disponibilité du Burkina Faso à accompagner l'OIDD dans sa vision et ses actions en faveur de l'Etat de droit.

**Je vous remercie.**

**STATEMENT OF CHINA**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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**Minister Undersecretary, Maria Tripodi,**  
**Mister President, Ambassador Bruno Archi,**  
**Madame Director General, Jan Beagle,**  
**Excellencies,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Assembly of Parties. My sincere thanks go to the President and the Director-General for making this gathering possible.

IDLO has marked the year 2022 with invaluable work in promoting the rule of law. China speaks highly of its important contributions in responding to the pandemic, promoting green and sustainable development, upholding social justice, and safeguarding international rule of law and world peace and stability.

In this context, I would also express our appreciation for the Director General's exceptional work in making IDLO better organized, facilitating legal projects and improving the awareness of the rule of law.

China values its long-standing engagement and cooperation with IDLO. In 2017, the Ministry of Commerce of China and IDLO signed a MoU on joint programs and personnel exchanges under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative. In April last year, under the framework of a MoU on dispatch of JPOs signed by the two sides, China sent its first JPO to IDLO to assist with IDLO's projects in the least developed countries, and strengthen their legal capacity building and traction for FDI.

As the Director-General just said, the world today is beset by multiple crises, and IDLO is confronted with mounting pressure in assisting relevant countries to fight the pandemic, address climate change, eliminate violence, combat corruption, improve gender equality, and promote peace and sustainable development through rule of law.

In face of all these, China will continue to support and actively participate in the work of IDLO. The Communist Party of China recently held its 20th National Congress. The report of the congress calls for a vision of global governance featuring extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, and pays great attention to

sustainable development. As General Secretary Xi Jinping said, a China marching towards modernization will surely provide more opportunities for the world, inject stronger momentum for international cooperation, and make greater contributions to the progress of mankind.

China is willing to work with IDLO and relevant countries to promote cooperation in the field of rule of law, work on specific projects for practical cooperation, and jointly tackle various challenges.

I am confident that we will continue to have a fruitful cooperation, and wish you all for a productive debate.

Thank you!

**STATEMENT OF ECUADOR**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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## **Señora Directora General y distinguidas autoridades presentes:**

Agradezco tanto a IDLO como al Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores de Italia, por la organización de este evento, y agradecemos el magnífico reporte presentado por la Directora General, así como los valiosos documentos que han sido puestos en consideración de los Estados miembros.

Como habíamos expresado en ocasiones anteriores, mi país considera al Estado de Derecho como una norma de convivencia que establece las condiciones para un desarrollo sostenible en beneficio de la humanidad.

El Gobierno de Ecuador está empeñado en fortalecer la institucionalidad del país, particularmente en las áreas vinculadas con la administración de justicia.

Para este efecto se ha organizado una consulta popular que permitirá a la ciudadanía ecuatoriana manifestarse democráticamente para adoptar determinadas reformas que cuyo objetivo es reforzar el Estado Derecho y mejorar los niveles de seguridad para nuestros compatriotas.

La corrupción es un enemigo que no conoce fronteras y destruye la convivencia pacífica de las sociedades, impide el desarrollo de los países y provoca desconfianza en las instituciones, por tal motivo, la lucha contra la corrupción se ha convertido en un objetivo prioritario del Gobierno del Ecuador.

Mi país enfrenta un terrible desafío por la amenaza del crimen transnacional organizado y el narcotráfico, cuyos tentáculos quieren desestabilizar el sistema de administración de justicia. Estamos luchando contra esta amenaza, que no tiene fronteras, pero requerimos del apoyo de la comunidad internacional para combatirla.

Junto a los Gobiernos de Países Bajos y de Canadá, Ecuador esta co-organizando la Mesa Redonda de Alto Nivel sobre Anticorrupción, que se realizara en La Haya, entre el 28 y 29 de noviembre de 2022.

La Mesa Redonda antes mencionada surge luego de la cumbre sobre Democracia y Corrupción celebrada el 8 de diciembre de 2021 y constituye una iniciativa de los Gobiernos de Canadá, Países bajos y Ecuador, con el objetivo de formar una mesa de trabajo de Alto Nivel, para tratar el tema de la corrupción internacional desde una perspectiva multidimensional.

Los tres países han venido trabajando para generar documentos de discusión y recomendaciones de política pública que recojan su visión en torno a tres temas cruciales en materia de la lucha internacional contra la corrupción: marco jurídico vigente, brechas y soluciones, y voluntad política.

En el marco de la Mesa Redonda de Alto Nivel en La Haya, se espera suscribir una Declaración Ministerial de Principios, para cuyo efecto se están realizando sendas representaciones ante las cancillerías de los países invitados.



Es muy grato para nosotros informar que la Embajada de Ecuador en Italia, planteó al Comité Organizador, conformado por representantes de Países Bajos, Canadá y Ecuador, la posibilidad de invitar al IDLO para intervenir en este importante evento, y esa sugerencia ha sido aceptada. IDLO será uno de los ponentes en la Mesa Redonda.

Entre el 22 y el 23 de noviembre del presente año tendrá lugar en Ecuador la Segunda fase del Programa Falcone-Borsellino, iniciativa del Gobierno Italiano para brindar asistencia internacional en materia de combate a la corrupción y al crimen organizado.

Mi país agradece la cooperación que recibimos del Gobierno de Italia, especialmente la Diplomacia Judicial, y valoramos la posibilidad de trabajar juntos en el combate a enemigos que no conocen fronteras.

Coincidimos plenamente con la preocupación de la Director General sobre la grave amenaza que representa el cambio climático y, ante ello, reafirmamos que un enfoque adecuado para hacer frente a esta amenaza es el principio de responsabilidades comunes pero diferenciadas, en las que los principales contaminadores asumen el costo. para detener el cambio climático.

Consideramos indispensable la necesidad de mantener un adecuado balance entre el desarrollo económico, la protección del ambiente, y una mejor calidad de vida para la sociedad.

La noción de justicia climática debe contribuir a producir normas adecuadas para reconocer las responsabilidades que le competen a cada país, y que no son las mismas para todos.

Las decisiones unilaterales que van en detrimento de las estructuras y normas multilaterales sólo han provocado conflictos y agravamiento de las tensiones internacionales.

En estos momentos de grave turbulencia internacional, reafirmamos nuestra confianza en el multilateralismo como fundamento para consolidar una convivencia pacífica y civilizada de la comunidad internacional y destacamos el papel que juega IDLO en este gran sistema multilateral.

Para concluir, queremos ratificar el compromiso del Ecuador con el IDLO y con la promoción del Estado de Derecho. Continuaremos trabajando para reforzar nuestra cooperación con la Organización, especialmente en el combate a la corrupción. Gracias

**STATEMENT OF ITALY**  
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**Esteemed Madam Director General,**

thanks to you and the Standing Committee colleagues for the warm welcome.

Let me congratulate you and your team, in Rome and across the world, for the extraordinary work you are carrying out in order to: support partner institutions; promote more responsive justice systems to people's need; strengthen criminal justice chains; support anti-corruption initiatives; and increase digital innovation.

The resumption of operations in Afghanistan, with the return of national and international personnel to IDLO Kabul Office, including female staff, is indeed a major achievement.

IDLO's engagement in Ukraine is remarkable and so are the efforts made to empower civil society in several countries, including Myanmar, the Sahel Region, Uganda, Somalia.

Italy is especially pleased with the gender equality work IDLO is doing aiming to protect women's human rights through the promotion of gender-responsive legal, regulatory and policy frameworks.

We support very much your commitment to climate justice and sustainable use of natural resources.

Engagement with the UN Food System Coordination Hub and the co-leader role in the sub-working group on capacity building for legal preparedness together with Italy and the Global Health Law Consortium are the most welcomed too.

Investing in people is critical in every organization and I would like to commend your personal commitment to the safety and security of IDLO national and international officers.

Thank you, Madam Director General, for sharing the financial results achieved at the end of August: they are certainly encouraging in terms of revenue and expenditure for 2022. We welcome your prudent approach and do understand that IDLO's ability to maintain those results will depend on how the COVID-19 crisis and the global security situation evolve over the next months. We trust that the Organization will be able to take mitigation measures if needed, as you did in the past.

We do extend the same trust to the 2023 IDLO Operating Budget that was prepared in alignment with the 2023-2024 Management Plan.

Thank you very much indeed, Madam Director General, and please do count on Italy's full support and long-standing commitment to IDLO.

**STATEMENT OF KENYA**  
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**Mr. President**

**Madame, Director General,**

**Excellencies,**

**Esteemed Representatives**

**Distinguished delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen.**

1. Thank you very much for this opportunity to deliver this statement on behalf of Kenya delegation to the annual Assembly of State parties to the IDLO.
2. The Kenya delegation note with appreciation the elaborate report presented by the Director-General on the activities and programmes of IDLO over the last one year, particularly the tangible outcomes in the backdrop of global challenges such as prolonged Covid-19 pandemic, climate change which has impacted negatively on economic growth world over.
3. We also applaud the DG and her team for addressing these critical emerging challenges confronting humanity today through innovative programmes focusing on inclusive economic development, climate justice, food security and healthy lives and well-being for all.
4. The successful outcomes of this programmes presented in the report are clear testament of the DG able stewardship of the organization during this difficult period and times in the world.

Mr. President

5. Allow me to make some comments with deep gratitude in respect to IDLO's activities and programmes in promoting the rule of law to advance peace and sustainable development in Kenya as follows; -
  - i. IDLO provided technical support to the Kenya Judiciary Academy to establish an e-learning platform which enabled Judicial officers to benefit from online training programmes that would otherwise have been inaccessible because of Covid-19 pandemic.
  - ii. To deal with backlogged of civil cases in the Judiciary. Kenya established small claims courts which hear civil cases with awards or damages totaling maximum 8,200 euros or Kshs 1million.
  - iii. IDLO supported training for newly appointed adjudicators and informational workshops about the purpose and workings of the new courts.

- iv. In addition, IDLO facilitated the development of guidelines for the costs of proceedings, and contracted clerks to enter data of all cases onto a new web portal.
  - v. In the efforts of reversing the epidemic of chronic Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in pursuit of promoting healthy lives and well-being and in partnership with World Health Organization and International Development Research Centre.
  - vi. Kenya is among Bangladesh, Tanzania, Uganda and Sri Lanka in the IDLO pilot social mobilization programme in the Global Regulatory and fiscal capacity building programme (RECAP). IDLO is working with civil society in each of these pilot countries to build an enabling environment for legislation and policy reforms to prevent NCDs.
6. We in Kenya welcome the fruitful partnerships IDLO has been building with our Independent Criminal Justice institutions in order for them dispense just, fair and swift judgements which are prerequisite for sustainable peace, development and prosperity of our country.
  7. In conclusion, we once again commend IDLO for the success full outcomes of its programmes in different member Parties in line with its new strategic plan 2021-2024 given the current difficult and challenging global environment.
  8. Let us all remain committed in supporting IDLO aspirations and mandate of promoting the rule of law in our collective endeavor of advancing peace, justice and sustainable development in Member Parties and beyond.
  9. I thank you all for your attention.

**STATEMENT OF KUWAIT**  
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Thank you so much. It's an absolute pleasure to meet you in person today.

Thank you, madame Director general, for your comprehensive and informative report, which demonstrates the important role of IDLO and shows that IDLO continues to achieve its core objectives in promoting the rule of law, access to Justice and sustainable development, Despite the extraordinary challenges.

I also extend my thanks to the IDLO team for their exceptional work.

Kuwait appreciates IDLO's approach to accessibility and inclusivity to the judicial process through Customary and informal justice systems, especially for women and minorities.

Also, Kuwait appreciates IDLO's engagements in capacity building, and legislation supports transparency and anti-corruption; as we know, corruption damages the legality of the regimes, making the public lose trust in states and government institutions.

We also acknowledge IDLO's initiative in gender equality to ensure equal access to education, justice and livelihood, and trafficking in person to eradicate slavery to ensure justice for all.

Thank you.



**STATEMENT OF MONTENEGRO**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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**Ms. Undersecretary,**

**Esteemed President and Director General,**

**Dear colleagues,**

It is a pleasure that we have the opportunity to all meet in person, at the IDLO annual Assembly, given that past few years that we have been working under the aggravating circumstances imposed by the pandemics.

Unfortunately, we cannot say that we left the challenges behind, given the current ones we are facing in global arena, including the health and socio-economic repercussions of COVID 19, and now the war in Ukraine. I believe that I speak for everyone when I say that times like these emphasise the ***need for solidarity, unity and trust.***

In this sense, I wish to express ***gratitude for all the efforts invested by the Director General, the Secretariat and all IDLO employees*** with a view to ensuring the unhampered realisation of the planned activities even throughout these harsh times.

In the light of the running international campaign ***6 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence***, I believe it is a good time to welcome the IDLO's contribution and the endeavours invested in realisation of objectives set in this area.

It is important to mention the role IDLO has in the raising awareness of most climate-vulnerable people and their ***empowering in realisation of environmental rights*** and active participation in decision-making processes. Furthermore, the organisation's endeavours made at the ***27<sup>th</sup> COP27 held recently in Egypt***, as a step further in ensuring climate-secure future. The work in this area bears a special significance for Montenegro as the constitutionally proclaimed ecological state.

In this context, I wish to point to the importance of ***continuous implementation of all the SDGs*** in securing the better planet and future for us all. The ***commitment to multilateralism*** must be central to our endeavours, as the best way of working together to find solutions to joint challenges, strengthen our societies, building the rule of law, fighting against climate change.

I would like to use this occasion to ***reiterate once again that being an IDLO party, an organisation dedicated exclusively to the promotion of the Rule of Law, bears an additional significance for Montenegro***, as an EU candidate country. In this context, it is crucial to continue ***to meet further targets under SDG 16***, pertaining to peace, justice and strong institutions bearing in mind its significance in combating the contemporary challenges.

Being a ***candidate country for the membership in the EU***, realisation of these goals and targets to the great extent, for us ***at the same time means achieving***

***further standards under our negotiation framework*** and our overall path to becoming a part of the EU family.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

***Montenegro remains a credible partner.*** We are aware of the importance of reform activities in the area of the rule of law, not only for further progress in negotiations with the EU but for the overall democratic development of society. ***EU remains our top foreign policy goal and we are determined to further pursue the necessary EU standards. We are certain that IDLO projects and activities will continue to contribute to the progress and results.***

Thank you for your attention!

**STATEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS**  
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The Netherlands would like to extend its appreciation to IDLO. We value the strong partnership we have built up over the years.

The Netherlands recognizes the level of ambition in IDLO's new Strategic Plan and Management Plan 2023-2024. We support IDLO in driving the reforms that will help IDLO transition from a project-based to a programme-based organization. We think the Strategic Plan captures this challenge and provides a roadmap for IDLO to develop and grow as an organization. We will follow these reforms initiatives with interest.

The Netherlands also recognizes IDLO's ambition to expand the scope of its strategic engagement, focusing on the role of the rule of law for strengthening economic development, climate justice, sustainable use of land and natural resources, and public health. IDLO rightfully chooses to invest in these merging areas of work, as these embody challenges that are expected to become more evident, prominent and accentuated in the years to come. We are expectant of IDLO making valuable policy and programming contributions on these areas during the current Strategic Plan cycle.

Lastly, The Netherlands actively supports IDLO programming both at Headquarters and in the field, where we work with IDLO in numerous countries, such as Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda, Kenya and Afghanistan.

We look forward to continuing and deepening our partnership.

**STATEMENT OF PAKISTAN**  
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## **Thank you Chair,**

I would like to thank the Director General for a comprehensive report, highlighting the organization's performance, growth, and objectives.

Pakistan advocates for combating corruption, enhancing accountability, and improvement of the justice system and rule of law which is key to better governance. It is satisfying to note that IDLO has provided an appropriate platform to develop policies on these issues.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

IDLO's work for the promotion of Law despite numerous challenges of funding is commendable. We need to work towards expanding its membership and the sources of funding to enable IDLO to attain its objectives across the globe.

Pakistan appreciates IDLO's capacity-building initiatives in different countries on multifarious subjects, especially on investment negotiations, and contract management which would serve the developing states in defending their rights effectively.

Equally laudable is the work of IDLO on climate justice and sustainable use of natural resources which would pave the way for equitable use of natural resources and reduce the chances of a conflict.

Pakistan supports IDLO's call for fair and effective food systems, especially in the most vulnerable countries. Food security is a looming issue in Pakistan in the wake of devastating floods which have wiped out millions of acres of standing crops in Pakistan.

It is heartening to see the dedication with which the management and personnel of IDLO work towards the promotion of these objectives. The ever-increasing membership is indicative of the recognition of the substantive and effective work of IDLO toward the promotion and protection of the law.

Pakistan would continue to work with IDLO toward the attainment of its goals and objectives.

**Thank You.**

**STATEMENT OF PARAGUAY**  
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Gracias Presidente,

El Paraguay manifiesta su total apoyo y compromiso con la meta estratégica de la justicia centrada en las personas, y considera de elemental importancia el logro de los objetivos de acceso a la justicia, con énfasis en las mujeres y grupos vulnerables en general. La Corte Suprema de Justicia de mi país se encuentra desde hace tiempo promoviendo la facilitación del acceso a la justicia a través de la mediación, como herramienta que permite a los grupos vulnerables evitar la onerosidad del proceso judicial. Asimismo, está comprometida con la transparencia en la gestión del Poder Judicial. Tenemos la convicción de que una condición sine qua non para que un país alcance el desarrollo es la democratización del acceso a la administración de justicia, vale decir, la igualdad de condiciones para que todos los integrantes de la sociedad puedan tener su día en la corte. Esto no es otra cosa que la más básica igualdad de derechos, siendo el Estado el máximo garante de la protección de los derechos de sus ciudadanos.

En un contexto internacional complejo como el actual, que nos desafía en cuanto a la posibilidad de cumplimiento de los Objetivos para el Desarrollo sostenible, donde, como han reportado recientemente otros Organismos Especializados con sede en Roma, el objetivo número 2 podría, lamentablemente, no ser alcanzado para el año 2030, el multilateralismo y la cooperación internacional se han convertido en herramientas indispensables e indiscutibles, a fin de acortar las brechas entre la situación actual y el alcance de las metas trazadas. Por su parte, el IDLO con su fructífera labor, nos da la esperanza de que, al menos el ODS 16 podrá ser alcanzado, a través del trabajo mancomunado entre los gobiernos y las organizaciones. En tal sentido, desde hace más de una década, el IDLO es un aliado estratégico del Paraguay en la cooperación en materia judicial, por medio de diversos proyectos conjuntos que se enmarcan en las metas y objetivos estratégicos citados en su informe por la Directora General.

Su colaboración ha permitido acercar a la administración de justicia a aquellos sectores más necesitados de la sociedad, generando en los mismos no solo el conocimiento de sus derechos elementales, sino el ejercicio y defensa de los mismos por las vías idóneas, haciendo honor al eslogan de la Organización, la cooperación de la misma en nuestro país ha ayudado a “crear una cultura de justicia”. Compartimos, pues, de manera plena, la visión del management del IDLO, en cuanto a contar con una justicia centrada en las personas. La profundización de las óptimas relaciones de colaboración con esta Organización, así como la inclusión de actores relevantes, tanto del gobierno como de la sociedad civil en los proyectos conjuntos, nos acercará cada vez más al cumplimiento de las metas y objetivos que, me permito decir que tenemos en común, tanto aquella como las Partes. El Paraguay toma nota del informe de la Directora General, y manifiesta su compromiso de aportar, con la venia de las demás Partes, desde el Comité Permanente, el trabajo necesario para que el IDLO continúe en su posición de liderazgo internacional en materia de empoderamiento de los sectores vulnerables en cuanto al acceso a la justicia.

Gracias, Presidente.

**STATEMENT OF SENEGAL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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**Monsieur le Président,**

**Madame la Directrice générale,**

**Mesdames, Messieurs les Représentants des Etats et organisations membres de l'OIDD,**

Au nom de Son Excellence Docteur Papa Abdoulaye SECK, Ambassadeur du Sénégal à Rome, empêché, et de celui de toute la délégation sénégalaise, je voudrais tout d'abord féliciter le Pakistan pour son leadership dans la conduite de nos travaux. Ces félicitations s'adressent aussi chaleureusement à la Directrice générale, Madame Jan BEAGLE et à ses collaborateurs pour l'excellente présentation de son rapport dont nous prenons bonne note. Le Sénégal salue également les importantes réalisations effectuées en ces temps d'incertitude rythmés par les crises sanitaires et humanitaires, auxquelles s'ajoutent les nombreux conflits dont les répercussions, en ce monde de globalisation, sont ressenties par chacun de nos Etats. En effet, il est notable que malgré des conditions difficiles, l'OIDD, guidée par les principes que la Directrice Générale a soulignés, à savoir l'inclusion, l'intégration et l'innovation, a su maintenir et consolider son fer de lance qu'est la promotion de l'État de droit afin d'accéder à une paix et un développement durable. En témoignent les activités et les projets de recherche menés, les programmes de sensibilisation et de soutien développés, dans plusieurs domaines tels que le développement économique inclusif, la sécurité alimentaire et la nutrition, la justice climatique et le droit à la santé ; toutes ces initiatives contribuant à lutter contre les inégalités et à assurer un meilleur accès à la justice. C'est dans ce sens que beaucoup d'actions ont été menées dans plusieurs régions, y compris en Afrique, à travers la formation ou le renforcement de compétences des acteurs œuvrant pour l'inclusion des personnes en situation vulnérable ou encore pour la résolution des conflits.

**Mesdames et Messieurs,**

Ainsi, à travers la mise en œuvre de son cadre stratégique 2021-2024, l'OIDD a élargi ses interventions sur tous les continents, et le projet de plan de gestion 2023-2024 devrait permettre d'entériner le travail entrepris au cours de ces dernières années. Aussi, compte-tenu de l'instabilité dans plusieurs pays, notamment du continent Africain, et surtout en Afrique de l'Ouest, et des conséquences de cette situation sur les personnes les plus vulnérables, je voudrais inviter notre organisation à y accentuer ses efforts, peut-être par le biais de nouvelles initiatives lors de l'élaboration du prochain plan stratégique. Je ne saurais conclure sans réitérer le soutien et la disponibilité du Sénégal à l'égard de l'OIDD.

Je vous remercie de votre attention.

**STATEMENT OF SWEDEN**  
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## **Thank you, Madam President.**

First of all, let me extend a sincere and warm thank you to the Director General and all her staff for the comprehensive report presented here today.

We are most grateful to IDLO for the relentless work that your organisation does for the common challenges that we face for the rule of law.

Russia's unprovoked, full-scale invasion of Ukraine earlier this year, shows that IDLO's work to promote accountability and the rule of law has never been more critical since the establishment of the organisation in 1983. IDLO's support to the Office of the Prosecutor General in Ukraine stands as one but yet strong example of IDLO's relevance and importance in this difficult time for Europe and the world.

Human rights including gender equality, democracy and the rule of law continue to be top priorities for the new Swedish government and all areas of Sweden's foreign policy. A human rights-based approach is the internationally agreed modus operandi including in the area of rule of law and access to justice, whether we call it people-centred justice or not. As development partners, it is therefore crucial to address the capacity gaps of both rights holders and duty bearers to deliver on the development effectiveness agenda and to achieve sustainable development results.

Sweden, as one of the main supporters and donors of IDLO, has always underlined the capacity building of national legal institutions as one of the primary pillars of IDLO's work. Whether it may be its partnership with the Supreme Court of Justice in Honduras, or its support to the establishment of a Specialized Anti-Corruption Court in Armenia, this is where IDLO adds real value to its member states. To the rule of law.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me remind you that the strengthening of the rule of law in all our countries is not just the right thing to do. It's what we *must* do. It's what we are *obliged* to do according to international human rights law.

That is also why Sweden takes the partnership with IDLO beyond its traditional formats. Today, Sweden and IDLO collaborate on a number of events and initiatives – several of them reflecting our common priorities on the environment, gender equality and much more. IDLO's participation in the Stockholm +50 summit earlier this year is one of many such examples.

Sweden will put further emphasis on human rights, democracy and the rule of law in the coming months, as part of our EU presidency during the first six months of 2023. Together with like-minded countries and partners such as IDLO Sweden will continue to

emphasise that the rule of law is crucial for the realization of Agenda 2030, particularly SDG16.

Looking at a more operational priority going forward, we would also like to encourage the IDLO to widen its donor base. Because let us be frank, even if the budget for the IDLO will be growing by 16% in 2023, it is not sustainable to leave an organisation of IDLO's magnitude and importance into the hands and dependability of only a handful of donor states.

Not only IDLO plays a key role here, but even more so all of you, its member states. Sweden is, as one of IDLO's main donors, more than willing to share our excellent experiences from a donor's perspective. For any member state considering to further expand its support to the IDLO, our door is always open.

We hope that in the coming year, States and organisations together can keep the momentum and truly anchor a rule of law-based approach as part of multilateral and bilateral cooperation. The conversations we are having here today is one important step.

Thank you!

**STATEMENT OF UGANDA**  
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**The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy**

**The President of IDLO**

**The Ministers of State Parties of the Assembly of IDLO and Heads of Delegation**

**Director General IDLO,**

**Excellencies,**

**Distinguished Participants,**

On behalf of my government, it is a great pleasure for Uganda to participate at today's Assembly as a member of this organization. Uganda's decision to join this organization was informed by IDLO's objectives of the promotion of peace, justice and sustainable development.

On the onset, we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to IDLO for the wonderful work they are doing in Uganda particularly in the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS). IDLO's intervention of enhancing capacity of our justice actors has gone a long way to improve our law and justice system right from the grassroots through to district and up to the national level.

IDLO's continued support to both state and non-state legal aid, legal empowerment and other justice delivery mediations has exposed our justice actors to modern aspects of exercising their duties, for instance in adopting the use of information and technology within the justice institutions, criminal justice reforms, strengthening forensic investigation, prosecution and adjudication of crimes, expanded state funded legal aid services, enhanced commercial and land justice sector reforms which was a topic of discussion in the conference held in Kampala recently sponsored by IDLO. This is also in tandem with the climate justice related interventions by IDLO.

This capacity improvement by IDLO has given the Ugandan justice actors the confidence with which to provide the citizens with quality legal knowledge, aid and redress. This has had a positive effect on the access to quality justice by all especially for the poor, vulnerable and the marginalized in the rural areas and even urban centres specifically to women and girls. The community justice program being carried out by IDLO came in handy during the covid 19 pandemic whereby these vulnerable groups were able to access medication as well, thus improving the people's trust in the justice system instead of taking the law into their hands. In fact, public trust in the JLOS stands at 59%. While the police stand at 67%. (Chief Justice Report, 2020).

The JLOS objectives is to build a pro-people justice delivery system of better quality service and customer in which customer care is emphasized; infusing of human rights approach to their work and full enforcement of Bill of Rights; and, their strategic objective



is to contribute to economic growth and development informed by the country's Vision 2040 of transforming Uganda to a middle income country therefore, enhancing private sector development is critical in this aspect and hence the need to create a justice system that would respond to the needs of the private sector. JLOS continues to work under the guidance of 3Cs: - Cooperation, Coordination and Communication, which comes handing in their partnership with IDLO.

Allow me to mention a few outcomes from among several justice interventions that IDLO continues to make to our JILOS. For instance, they have provided support to the legal-aid services, including mediations, legal representation, advice and referral services, to a total of 10,040 people including 5,241 women and girls in more than 15 districts.

Recently, IDLO championed matters related to climate law, including land reform, laws encompassing nutrition, food access and security, health laws and access to medicines and gender equality and many other interventions some of which are long term. I cannot exhaust all the good work IDLO has done and continues to do in Uganda in a few minutes.

As we continue to applaud the work IDLO and partners in Uganda, we still need IDLO's intervention in the matters of enhancement of the capacity of other sectors of the economy while we look forward to continue working with then law and justice actors so that all our citizens particularly the vulnerable, the poor and the marginalized including women, girls and children can access quality, equitable and sustainable justice so that all citizens live in dignity and equality under the rule of law.

**GRAZIE MILLE**

**THANK YOU**

**ASANTE SANA**

**FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**

**STATEMENT OF VIETNAM**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES**  
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*Your Excellency, Madam Director-General*

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

On behalf of the Vietnamese Delegation, I would like to express my pleasure to attend the 2022 Annual Conference of IDLO Member States after three years of not being able to hold the Conference in person. On this occasion, we would like to thank the Standing Committee of IDLO and Italy – the host country for their efforts to organize this Annual Conference and prepare convenient administrative arrangements for Member States to present.

*Madam Director-General*

Viet Nam shares the difficulties and challenges that IDLO and its Member States have encountered in the past year due to the significant impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. We highly appreciate IDLO's efforts in implementing its activities in 2022, IDLO's initiative in participating in discussing and providing consultation on global legal issues with specialized agencies of the United Nations as well as other international organizations, and conducting activities to enhance law implementation in a number of countries. We believe that such efforts are all for the purpose of achieving the 2021–2024 strategic goals and objectives of IDLO.

*Madam Director-General*

In 2023, IDLO will enter the third year of implementing the strategic plan 2021-2024. We believe that IDLO will continue to be proactive in promoting its role as one of the leading intergovernmental organizations in legal field. IDLO will continue to participate in the international legal scene to jointly resolve legal problems encountered by the international community and countries, thereby contributing to the creation of an equitable, just and sustainable developing legal environment as well as achieving the objectives set out in the Strategy for the period 2021-2024.

In the coming time, Viet Nam will implement various important strategies and programs on legal and judicial reform. In regard to this process, Viet Nam wishes to receive effective supports and cooperation from IDLO so we can learn from and refer to the experiences of IDLO and its Member States in the process of improving Viet Nam's legal system, and hence attaining the objectives of developing and improving legal institutions set out by the Vietnamese Government.

Thank you very much!