
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW ORGANIZATION INFORMATION NOTE

The purpose of this Note is to provide information to States or International Organizations about the process to become a Member Party of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO).

States or International Organizations which may have questions with regards to the membership procedure are invited to contact the IDLO Protocol Office at protocol@idlo.int

MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURE

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) was established in 1988 by the Agreement on the Establishment of IDLO, as amended, and may be joined by governments and intergovernmental organizations.

Any state or intergovernmental organization wishing to become a member of the Organization may initiate the process by sending a formal statement to the President of the IDLO Assembly of Parties, through the Secretariat (secretariat@idlo.int), informing of its formal intention to join the Agreement on the Establishment of IDLO.

Upon the receipt of the formal statement, the President of the Assembly of Parties will notify IDLO Member Parties and seek their views on the membership request. The decision is taken by a simple majority of votes expressed in writing or by consensus if no objections are received or in the form of a resolution adopted by the Assembly of Parties. Following approval, the President notifies the respective Government through relevant diplomatic channels.

Once the Assembly has approved the request, the state or international organization is authorized to accede to the Agreement. The state or international organization must also take whatever steps are needed under its own laws and regulations, such as ratification or approval, to enable it to become a party to the Establishment Agreement. After those steps have been concluded, the state or international organization informs IDLO that it is ready to deposit its instrument of accession with the Government of Italy, which is the Depositary of the Establishment Agreement. The new Member's status as a party to IDLO becomes effective upon the deposit of the instrument of accession. The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties regulates further procedures.

