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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is once again a great honour to participate in the Assembly of Parties of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). As the host country and ex officio Vice-President of the Assembly, Italy feels a particular responsibility in supporting the Organisation's mandate.

This Assembly is an important opportunity to highlight the results achieved by IDLO and to reaffirm our commitment towards the Organization.

Italy greatly values IDLO's efforts in promoting the rule of law, a longstanding priority of Italian foreign policy and of our development cooperation, especially in the most fragile contexts.

The African continent remains at the heart of Italian Development Cooperation and, more in general, of Italy's foreign policy, as demonstrated by the Mattei Plan for Africa. This is why we attach great importance to IDLO's work in Africa.

Rule of law is an indispensable prerequisite for regional stability, for attracting investment and for enabling sustainable and inclusive growth.

In this framework, Italy supports initiatives aimed at promoting efficient judicial systems, protecting the rights of women and children, enhancing transparency and ensuring inclusive institutions across our partner countries, with particular attention to capacity building.

For these reasons, we reiterate the unique role of IDLO within the multilateral system and its substantial contribution to SDG 16, dedicated to peace, justice, and strong institutions.

We are proud to co-organize, together with IDLO and UNDESA, the Global Conference on SDG 16 — a high-level multilateral forum that convenes governments, experts, and civil society to foster political commitment towards the 2030 Agenda.

At a time when our goals are challenged by complex global crises, it is essential to continue investing in the rule of law as an enabling factor for sustainable development.

This is an extremely concrete investment for us. This year, in fact, Italy has increased its overall financial commitment to support IDLO, bringing it to roughly 4.3 million euros, including voluntary and mandatory contributions.

I would also like to express appreciation for our cooperation with IDLO in the field of legal diplomacy. The projects launched in Latin America since 2024 — focused on anti-corruption, criminal justice, and institutional governance— are

concrete examples of how Italian expertise can contribute to stronger, more transparent, and more accessible judicial systems.

We will continue working closely with IDLO towards a future grounded in justice and the rule of law, convinced that its mission is essential to ensure lasting peace and opportunities for all.

I thank you all for your attention and wish you a productive continuation of the Assembly's work.

STATEMENT OF CHINA
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China thanks the Director-General for the comprehensive report presented to the Assembly of Parties. The report provides a detailed overview of the solid progress achieved by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) over a challenging year, and we highly appreciate it. It demonstrates that, despite multiple difficulties such as geopolitical tensions, budgetary pressures, and operational constraints, IDLO has remained committed to its mandate, shown resilience, and effectively advanced the rule of law in various regions worldwide through a series of locally grounded projects. These efforts have translated legal principles into tangible outcomes that improve people's livelihoods and promote stability.

China has always believed that the rule of law serves as a cornerstone for peace and sustainable development and is a key pathway to safeguarding human rights and upholding social fairness and justice. We are pleased to note that IDLO's strategy and work are closely aligned with the development priorities of partner countries. Through comprehensive measures such as legal and policy reform, institutional capacity building, and digital innovation, IDLO is committed to enhancing access to justice, protecting the rights of women and children, strengthening integrity, and ensuring food security and environmental governance. These endeavors are deeply consistent with the objectives of sustainable development.

We have taken note of IDLO's ongoing efforts to diversify its funding base and strengthen financial resilience. As a long-term partner, China reaffirms its firm support for IDLO's work. We commend the contributions made by all Member Parties to sustain IDLO's operations, which reflect the shared commitment of the international community to the rule of law. China stands ready to work with all parties to jointly support IDLO in further expanding its resource channels, consolidating the foundation for long-term development, and enhancing operational sustainability.

In closing, China extends sincere appreciation to the Director-General and all IDLO staff, especially colleagues working under complex and difficult conditions. We are confident that, with the collective support and joint efforts of all Member Parties, IDLO will overcome current challenges and continue to make important contributions to the global rule of law and sustainable development.

STATEMENT OF CYPRUS
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a profound honour for me, as the Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus, to address this Assembly for the first time as a full member of the International Development Law Organization. Cyprus is proud to join this distinguished community of nations dedicated to advancing the rule of law, justice, and sustainable development worldwide.

We commend the Director-General Jan Beagle for her comprehensive Report, which clearly reflects the Organisation's achievements during the past year—the first year of the new Strategic Cycle 2025-2028. This strategy, grounded in the conviction that the rule of law is a powerful tool for promoting peace, unlocking development potential, and protecting human rights, provides a strong and forward-looking foundation that Cyprus fully supports.

Cyprus greatly values IDLO's work in strengthening legal systems, enhancing access to justice, and supporting inclusive and accountable governance. The Organisation's efforts to promote sound legal frameworks, uphold human rights, and empower communities resonate deeply with Cyprus' own principles and commitments. We firmly believe that the rule of law is not only the cornerstone of justice but also an essential pillar of sustainable development and social cohesion.

Our strong commitment to human rights is further demonstrated by Cyprus' election, for the first time, to the United Nations Human Rights Council. We view this as an important responsibility and an opportunity to contribute constructively to the global human rights agenda.

As a full member of IDLO, Cyprus will work actively to support the Organisation's mission, with particular emphasis on legal empowerment, gender equality, and capacity-building to strengthen governance and the administration of justice. Effective legal institutions are indispensable for protecting individual rights, fostering stability, stimulating economic growth, and promoting international cooperation.

Cyprus attaches great importance to dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of best practices among member states. We look forward to exchanging best practices and identifying practical ways to advance our shared objectives. In today's complex geopolitical environment and increasingly interconnected digital world, our collective commitment to justice and the rule of law is more vital than ever.

In conclusion, Cyprus stands ready to work with all members of this Assembly to advance the rule of law globally, ensure equal access to justice, and support

sustainable development for all. We are confident that through our collaborative efforts guided by fairness, transparency, and accountability, we can further strengthen IDLO's mission and deliver meaningful impact to communities around the world.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF ECUADOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Chair, Director-General, Excellencies,

Ecuador appreciates the opportunity to address this Assembly and reaffirms its commitment to a constructive and balanced partnership with IDLO. We recognize the relevance of the Organization's mandate and the value of its technical support, particularly in areas central to our national agenda such as justice reform, integrity, and the prevention of corruption.

Over the past year, cooperation between Ecuador and IDLO has been substantive. The assessment of our anti-corruption framework, combined with the validation mission and wide consultations held in Quito, provided important guidance for our institutions and for the upcoming second phase of collaboration supported by the Government of Italy. We thank IDLO for its engagement and for the professionalism of its technical teams.

In this context, I wish to offer a constructive observation. For our cooperation to reach its full potential, we require more agile and timely processes. Feedback, follow-up, and operational responses from the Organization often take longer than what is compatible with the needs of effective program implementation. Ecuador trusts that IDLO can reinforce its internal coordination and responsiveness, ensuring that support reaches Member States with the speed and clarity demanded by today's governance challenges.

We value IDLO's growing engagement in Latin America and its broader contribution to strengthening the rule of law globally. This presence is important for the region and aligns well with the priorities of many of our institutions. Looking ahead, we encourage IDLO to continue expanding its partnerships, diversifying its funding base, and concentrating on initiatives that translate legal frameworks into real, measurable improvements in people's daily lives.

Ecuador remains committed to the rule of law as a foundation for democratic governance, development, and public trust. With this spirit, we thank the Director-General and her team for their professionalism, and we look forward to deepening our cooperation on the basis of mutual accountability and concrete results.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF EGYPT
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour to address this esteemed Assembly on behalf of the Arab Republic of Egypt. I would like to begin by commending the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) for its vital work in promoting the rule of law, justice, and inclusive development around the world.

Egypt values its longstanding partnership with IDLO and strongly supports its mandate to strengthen legal systems, enhance access to justice, and build institutional capacity—especially in developing and transitional countries.

As we gather today amidst global uncertainty and overlapping crises—conflicts, climate change, and food insecurity—we are reminded that the rule of law is not a luxury, but a necessity. It is the foundation for stability, trust, and sustainable development.

In Egypt, we continue to take bold steps to strengthen our legal and institutional frameworks. Our national development strategy, *Egypt Vision 2030*, places justice and good governance at its core. Efforts are ongoing to modernize our judicial system, expand legal aid services, and ensure that women, youth, and vulnerable groups have greater access to justice.

We believe that inclusive legal empowerment is key to addressing inequality and fostering peace. In this regard, we recognize IDLO's growing role in supporting member states in achieving SDG 16 and broader development goals.

Looking forward, Egypt calls for enhanced international cooperation and increased investment in justice systems. We encourage IDLO to expand its technical assistance and capacity-building efforts, particularly in Africa and the Global South, where legal institutions need strengthened support.

In closing, Egypt reaffirms its commitment to IDLO's mission and stands ready to work with all partners to advance justice, equality, and sustainable development.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF FRANCE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Madame la Directrice Générale,

Mesdames et messieurs les ambassadeurs,

Chers collègues,

J'ai pris connaissance avec beaucoup d'intérêt de votre rapport annuel et de la présentation que vous venez d'en faire. Permettez-moi d'abord de saluer la grande qualité de ce rapport et de vous remercier pour la rigueur et la précision des informations communiquées aux membres.

A travers vous, mes remerciements s'adressent bien évidemment à l'ensemble de vos équipes.

Je veux saluer l'action déterminée et indispensable de l'IDLO dans ses différents secteurs d'intervention : l'accès à la justice, la lutte contre la corruption, une justice équitable pour les femmes et les filles, la gouvernance foncière, l'environnement, pour n'en citer que quelques-uns.

Et vous me permettrez d'utiliser l'acronyme anglais, IDLO, et non sa version française OIDD, moins facile à prononcer ! Je salue les traducteurs qui assurent aujourd'hui une interprétation en français, anglais, espagnol et italien et je remercie l'IDLO de faire ainsi vivre le multilinguisme, qui est un élément important du multilatéralisme. Nous nous parlons, nous nous écoutons, et nous le faisons dans plusieurs langues.

Nous le faisons aujourd'hui dans ce cadre magnifique de la villa Lubin, qui est un peu l'ancêtre de la FAO puisque David Lubin y créa, au début du siècle dernier, la première académie internationale de l'Agriculture. L'esprit du multilatéralisme a toujours soufflé à Rome, et je salue notre pays-hôte pour son soutien sans faille aux instances multilatérales, notamment à l'IDLO.

La première chose que je veux souligner, c'est que nous avons avec l'IDLO des priorités et une vision communes : les priorités de l'aide française au développement s'alignent étroitement avec votre mandat. Cela résulte d'une conviction partagée : l'état de droit est un levier essentiel pour promouvoir la paix, protéger les droits humains, et promouvoir le développement durable.

Cette convergence se reflète notamment dans des initiatives visant à renforcer l'accès des femmes et des filles à la justice, à promouvoir une approche fondée sur les droits en matière de santé, et à soutenir les organes judiciaires dans les contextes fragiles et affectés par les conflits.

Nous avons avec l'IDLO une relation ancienne et de confiance. Nous sommes l'un de ses huit membres fondateurs et je salue le rôle joué alors par un de mes compatriotes, Gilles Blanchi. Le français est l'une des deux langues de travail de l'organisation. Et nous avons assuré à deux reprises la présidence de l'Assemblée des Parties (1999–2002 et 2006–2008). Pour toutes ces raisons, je suis heureux de m'inscrire aujourd'hui dans cette longue relation. Je le fais évidemment en regardant l'avenir.

Au fil des années, la France a soutenu l'IDLO à travers des contributions volontaires, le financement de bourses pour les professionnels du droit des pays en développement, ainsi que le financement de programmes en Afghanistan, au Mali, au Tchad, et en Tunisie. La France souhaite poursuivre cette collaboration de longue date et explorer de nouvelles opportunités d'action conjointe.

Je ne veux pas éluder ce que votre rapport souligne clairement : la contraction des financements de l'aide au développement et la nécessité de faire des arbitrages toujours difficiles. Je salue votre lucidité dans ce domaine, et un réalisme qui ne se fait pas au détriment des ambitions de l'organisation.

Je salue la participation de l'IDLO à la 4e Conférence ministérielle des diplomaties féministes, en octobre, à Paris. Votre action en faveur de la promotion de l'égalité femmes-hommes, notamment en soutenant l'adoption de législations non-discriminantes, est reconnue.

Permettez-moi de citer trois engagements multilatéraux de la France pour l'année qui vient, et qui seront, j'en suis sûr, des occasions de nous inspirer de votre travail et de poursuivre notre collaboration.

En 2026, la France présidera le G7, avec l'ambition, collective, de renforcer l'efficacité et la légitimité d'un multilatéralisme ouvertement contesté. Le Sommet d'Evian, les 15 et 16 juin, se concentrera sur deux enjeux majeurs :

- Les déséquilibres mondiaux, principalement macroéconomiques
- Les partenariats internationaux et la solidarité internationale

Nous le savons, le renforcement de l'état de droit, la lutte contre la corruption, la mauvaise gouvernance et les pratiques prédatrices, sont une grande partie de la réponse à ces questions.

Le Sommet « One Health » : à Lyon, le 7 avril 2026, journée mondiale de la Santé, le président de la République rassemblera quelque chefs d'Etat pour dire notre attachement à la démarche « Une seule santé », depuis la santé de la terre (des sols, de l'eau, de la biodiversité), la santé animale et la santé humaine. Je

sais l'engagement de l'IDLO sur ce sujet de la santé : l'accès à la santé, c'est aussi un cadre législatif et les outils pour le faire respecter.

Enfin, troisième rendez-vous important en 2026, le sommet Africa Forward, que nous organisons conjointement avec le Kenya, à Nairobi, les 11 et 12 mai 2026. L'IDLO intervient beaucoup et depuis longtemps sur le continent africain. Vous connaissez les défis auxquels il fait face et les opportunités qui s'offrent à lui. Votre expertise nous sera précieuse.

Madame la Directrice générale,

En saluant à nouveau votre vision, clairement énoncée dans votre plan stratégique 2025/2028, je vous redis combien l'action de l'IDLO est utile et appréciée. L'état de droit est une fondation sur laquelle bâtir le développement : merci à l'IDLO de le renforcer chaque jour.

STATEMENT OF HONDURAS
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Señor Presidente,

En primer lugar, permítame expresar de manera muy clara y enfática nuestro agradecimiento a la directora general, Jan Beagle, por la presentación de su extenso, preciso y comprensible informe. Reconocemos no solo la calidad del documento, sino también su liderazgo al frente de IDLO durante un año particularmente desafiante para el sistema multilateral. Su gestión firme, equilibrada y visionaria ha permitido que la Organización mantenga su rumbo con coherencia y propósito.

Honduras desea felicitar a IDLO por su capacidad de adaptación en un contexto caracterizado por amenazas a la cooperación internacional, tensiones globales y retos operativos significativos. A pesar de ello, la Organización ha actuado con resiliencia, prudencia y un profundo sentido de responsabilidad, cumpliendo con su mandato de promover el estado de derecho como catalizador del desarrollo sostenible.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para reiterar nuestro agradecimiento por el programa que IDLO está implementando actualmente en Honduras, centrado en el Fortalecimiento de la Justicia Penal Juvenil. Esta iniciativa ha permitido fortalecer la implicación nacional en reformas que buscan proteger y rehabilitar a jóvenes en conflicto con la ley. La reunión técnica con el Instituto Nacional de Atención a Adolescentes Infractores y la visita conjunta al centro de Nuevo Jalteva pusieron en evidencia deficiencias reales que hoy guían reformas específicas para mejorar condiciones de detención, reforzar protocolos de seguridad y asegurar mejores oportunidades de reinserción. Este trabajo contribuye a reducir la reincidencia y a aliviar la presión sobre nuestro sistema de justicia.

Deseo también felicitar a IDLO por la expansión de su membresía. Damos la bienvenida a Chipre y Las Bahamas, y celebramos el creciente interés de países de América Latina y el Caribe por integrarse a la Organización, lo cual demuestra la vigencia y el valor de su mandato.

Honduras coincide plenamente con la visión expresada por la directora general: el estado de derecho es indispensable para enfrentar los desafíos más apremiantes de nuestra época. Es un componente esencial para fortalecer la seguridad, la confianza institucional y la generación de oportunidades económicas que permitan mejorar la calidad de vida de nuestras poblaciones.

Finalmente, reitero que Honduras continuará apoyando activamente la misión de IDLO. Como miembros del Comité Permanente, seguiremos trabajando con

todos los Estados Miembros para fortalecer el mandato de la Organización y asegurar que su labor continúe beneficiando a comunidades alrededor del mundo.

Muchas gracias, señor Presidente.

STATEMENT OF ITALY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Mr. President,

Madam Director-General,

Distinguished delegates, colleagues and friends,

As host country, Italy would like to thank the Director-General for her comprehensive and candid report, which provides a clear picture of the breadth, depth and complexity of IDLO's work over the past year. The report shows an Organization that has continued to deliver in an increasingly difficult international environment, marked by conflict, geopolitical tensions and a contraction of development resources, while remaining firmly anchored to its mandate and to nationally driven priorities.

We would like to begin by acknowledging the dedication and professionalism of IDLO staff, particularly those working in fragile and insecure contexts.

Italy values the progress achieved across the outcomes of the new Strategic Plan. In the area of access to justice, IDLO continues to demonstrate its comparative advantage by supporting concrete, context-sensitive reforms in countries affected by fragility and conflict. The work carried out in the Sahel, in Somalia and in Ukraine illustrates how practical rule-of-law solutions can strengthen institutions, improve trust and contribute to stability when they are closely aligned with national needs and capacities.

We also attach importance to IDLO's continued engagement on public integrity and anti-corruption. The programmes described in the report show a consistent focus on strengthening legal frameworks, institutional capacity and accountability mechanisms, while also supporting cooperation at regional level to address complex and transnational challenges.

Italy further welcomes the strong emphasis placed on justice for women and girls. The results achieved in several countries, particularly through improved access to legal aid, capacity building for justice actors and survivor-centred approaches, confirm that advancing gender equality through the rule of law is both a matter of rights and a driver of broader social and economic progress.

We also appreciate IDLO's work at the intersection of law, food security, environmental governance and public health. The growing cooperation with Rome-based agencies, including FAO, and the contribution to international policy discussions in these areas underline IDLO's ability to connect legal frameworks with sectoral policies that directly affect people's lives.

Turning to financial and organizational matters, Italy recognizes the efforts made by IDLO to respond to a very constrained funding environment. The

proposed Operating Budget for 2026 reflects a prudent and realistic approach, combining cost containment measures with targeted investments to preserve the Organization's operational capacity and adaptability. In this framework, we support the emphasis placed on diversifying and stabilizing the funding base.

The partnership between IDLO and its host country remains solid, strong and constructive. Over the past year, cooperation has further deepened at both political and operational levels, including through increased financial support by 10% and joint initiatives in several countries.

In this spirit, Italy also attaches importance to the effective functioning of IDLO's governance structures. We value the work carried out by the Standing Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee and the Board of Advisers, and we remain committed to contributing actively to sound oversight, transparency and accountability within the Organization.

In closing, Italy reaffirms its support for IDLO and for its mission to assist countries willing to strengthen justice systems that are effective, credible and accessible. At a time when multilateral cooperation is under strain, IDLO's work demonstrates that the rule of law remains a practical tool for addressing real challenges and for delivering tangible benefits to people and institutions alike.

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STATEMENT OF KUWAIT
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Madame Director General,

I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your comprehensive and informative report, and for the steadfast leadership you have demonstrated throughout this challenging year. Despite complex global and financial pressures, IDLO has continued to deliver tangible and meaningful results, advancing the rule of law as a cornerstone of peace, stability, and sustainable development.

I also wish to extend our appreciation to the entire IDLO team for their professionalism, dedication, and continued commitment to advancing the Organisation's mandate.

Kuwait commends the Organisation's resilience and its ability to adapt, innovate, and remain focused on its priorities.

Kuwait further commends IDLO's continued engagement in strengthening justice institutions, promoting legal empowerment, advancing women's access to justice, and collaborating with governments to strengthen legal frameworks in support of a fair, efficient, and accessible justice system. These efforts are essential to promoting peace, reducing crime, and enhancing public trust in justice institutions.

We reaffirm our commitment to IDLO's mandate and to the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2025–2028. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure that the rule of law remains at the heart of global efforts to promote peace, protect human rights, and support inclusive and sustainable development for all.

STATEMENT OF LIBERIA
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Liberia thanks the Director-General for the comprehensive report on IDLO's work over the past year and the progress made in advancing its mandate.

Liberia wishes to reaffirm its commitment as an IDLO Member Party since 2019 and deeply values this partnership in strengthening institutional justice, the rule of law, transparency, and access to justice, in support of Liberia's National ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development.

Moreover, in our view, the rule of law stands as the bedrock of sustainable development, ever more critical in our region where justice and stability underpin peace, prosperity, and inclusive growth.

Specifically, IDLO's support has strengthened the handling of sexual and gender-based violence cases through procedural improvements and technical training, thereby increasing reporting and public trust. Liberia is likewise intensifying its own efforts through ongoing legal and policy reforms, greater investment in justice and security institutions, and measures to broaden people-centered access to justice, particularly for women, children, and other vulnerable groups. In addition, gender equality initiatives have further advanced women's leadership in key agencies, while anti-trafficking measures have contributed to stronger legislation, national planning, and data systems to support evidence-based policymaking.

Liberia welcomes IDLO's Strategic Plan 2025–2028 and its strong focus on expanding access to justice, which resonates with our national priorities for people-centered justice and institutional resilience. We also commend the professionalism, dedication, and expertise of IDLO's staff, whose work on the ground has been instrumental in translating this partnership into concrete results for our people.

Finally, Liberia endorses the 2026 Operating Budget and Strategic Plan, prioritizing digital innovation, regional approaches, enhanced technical cooperation, and improved access to justice for all. We extend our sincere appreciation to IDLO's leadership, management, country team, donors, and partners for their steadfast commitment and support to Liberia's justice and rule of law reforms. Amid current multilateral challenges, Liberia remains focused, renews its vow, and pledges sustained national interagency collaboration and partnerships to advance the rule of law as an inseparable pillar of development.

We also echo the Board of Advisers' call to diversify and reinforce IDLO's funding base and partnerships, recognizing the Organization's distinct mandate and vital role amid today's global challenges

Liberia also warmly welcomes the new Member Parties joining IDLO and looks forward to working closely with them to advance our shared commitment to the rule of law and sustainable development.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF MONGOLIA
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Mr./Madam President,

Distinguished Delegates,

Excellencies,

Dear Colleagues,

We have just listened to the annual report of the Director General for 2025, which covers the first year of the new strategic cycle 2025–2028. Mongolia welcomes and approves this report and congratulates the Director General and her team for their dedicated and successful work during this challenging period.

We extend our appreciation to IDLO for its commitment to advancing the rule of law, strengthening justice institutions, and promoting inclusive and sustainable development worldwide.

Mongolia warmly welcomes the accession of Cyprus and The Bahamas to the Establishment Agreement, and we believe that the process of membership of Chile and Uruguay will finish soon.

As a democratic country, Mongolia attaches great importance to the rule of law as a foundation for peace, security, and resilient societies. We value our cooperation with IDLO, which has supported Mongolia in areas such as judicial reform, gender equality, anti-corruption efforts, and enhancing legal capacity. These partnerships have contributed meaningfully to our national priorities and to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

We also commend IDLO's work in empowering women and girls through legal reform. Advancing gender equality remains a priority for Mongolia, and we appreciate IDLO's role as a trusted partner in building institutions that uphold equal rights and prevent discrimination.

In closing, Mongolia expresses its gratitude to the Director-General and the entire IDLO team for their dedication.

Mongolia reiterates its full support for IDLO and will continue to work to ensure that the Organization's priorities for the coming years are achieved — in the spirit of justice, human rights, and the rule of law across our increasingly troubled world.

Thank you for your attention.

STATEMENT OF MONTENEGRO
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Esteemed (representative of MFA Italy),

Esteemed President and Director General,

Dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to join you today as we mark another important moment in IDLO's cooperation with Montenegro. Over the past years, our partnership has grown steadily, and today we stand at a new milestone: the operationalization of IDLO's presence in the country. Establishing an IDLO office in Montenegro represents more than an institutional step—it is a commitment to deeper collaboration, greater continuity, and long-term support for strengthening the rule of law.

Through initiatives such as support the Judicial Training Center, the project initiated by IDLO and US Embassy in Podgorica in October 2024, we have helped build capacities for judges and prosecutors to navigate complex areas of commercial, competition, and intellectual property law. These efforts are vital as Montenegro advances on its EU accession path.

For Montenegro, the rule of law is not only a national priority—it is the central pillar of our European accession process. Progress on judicial independence, transparency, efficiency, and citizens' access to justice proves the credibility of our EU path. Through its long-standing cooperation with the Judicial Training Center, support for competition institutions, and the advancement of mediation, IDLO has played an important role in helping us align more closely with European standards and expectations.

This cooperation also speaks to something deeper: Montenegro's unwavering dedication to multilateralism. Multilateral partnerships are essential for us all and our joint ability to uphold democratic values. It is the cornerstone of our endeavours in finding solutions to joint challenges. In this spirit, working with IDLO strengthens not only our institutions but also the broader international framework that protects justice, human rights, and the rule of law worldwide.

With that in mind, I wish to express gratitude for all the efforts invested by the Director General, Presidency, the IDLO Secretariat and its staff, with a view to ensuring the unhampered realisation of the planned activities. Despite the challenging circumstances, across continents, IDLO continues to champion justice, strengthen legal institutions, and promote inclusive development—always placing the rule of law at the center of its mission. IDLO's global engagement reflects both vision and tangible impact.

Furthermore, the implementation of 2030 Agenda, with an emphasis to the SDG 16 remain pivotal to all dimensions of sustainable development. In this context, I wish to point to the importance of continuous implementation of all the SDGs in securing a better planet and future for us all.

Dear ladies and gentlemen,

As we look to the future, IDLO's strengthened presence will enable us to advance this agenda even further—together.

On a personal note, as my mandate as Ambassador comes to an end, allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the Director-General of IDLO Jean Beagle for her leadership and partnership. I also extend heartfelt thanks to her dedicated team for the excellent cooperation and committed engagement with our Embassy's team over the past four years. It has been an honor to work alongside you.

Thank you for your attention!

STATEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
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Mister President,

Madam Director-General,

Excellencies and distinguished representatives of Governments, International Organisations and civil society.

The Netherlands welcomes the DG's report for 2025 and appreciates the substantive progress and results achieved against the Strategic Plan during its first year of implementation. This despite the strenuous circumstances under which the organisation has had to deliver throughout last year. We note the prudent approach and measures taken by IDLO in preparing the 2026 Operating Budget.

We are pleased to learn today that *core contributions* have increased. We encourage all Member Parties to join in this effort and provide IDLO with the needed political and financial support for the organisation to execute its mandate, in line with the aspirations and ambitions set in the Strategic Plan.

The Netherlands reaffirms the vital role that the Rule of Law plays for stability, security, peace and economic growth and reconfirms its commitment to IDLO as a relevant and valuable partner within the international Rule of Law field. We are therefore pleased to announce our intent to sign with IDLO a new multiyear agreement to support implementation of its strategic plan.

Under the new Dutch development policy, The Netherlands will work with partner countries to pursue mutual interests in the areas of Stability, Migration and Trade, aligning our thematic support on Food Security, Water and Health in the pursuit of those interests. In this regard, we note the broad appeal of IDLO's value offer under the new Strategic Plan in supporting us in our endeavours.

Looking for strategic opportunities on the horizon, The Netherlands sees scope and potential for IDLO to enhance collaboration with other development partners throughout its work. IDLO should deepen existing partnerships with UN organisations and explore opportunities to strengthen collaboration with Development Banks and regional organizations on common areas of work, such as food, land and public health.

The Netherlands also acknowledges the scope and potential for strengthened collaboration within our own work. We will therefore work to improve coordination and cooperation between Dutch-funded Rule of Law partners, including in those countries where we fund IDLO's work, to strengthen the coherence and impact of our Rule of Law assistance on the ground. We will

hereby also strive for synergies with other Rule of Law activities supported by Member Parties or other Development partners.

We firmly believe that IDLO's work makes a substantive contribution to strengthened Rule of Law systems at the national and international levels. We value the partnership we have built up over the years, and we look forward to our continued partnership over the years to come.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF PAKISTAN
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

**Madam President,
Director-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,**

Pakistan is pleased to participate in the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Assembly of Parties of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). We extend our appreciation to the Director-General and the IDLO Secretariat for the comprehensive preparations and the documentation presented for our consideration.

Pakistan values IDLO's mandate as the only global intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law, access to justice, and accountable institutions. These principles remain central to advancing peace, sustainable development, and human dignity—priorities that Pakistan firmly upholds at national and international levels.

Pakistan commends the Director-General for the achievements highlighted in the 2025 Report. We appreciate IDLO's contributions to strengthening legal capacity, enhancing justice sector reforms, combatting gender-based violence, and supporting climate-resilient governance systems.

We encourage IDLO to continue prioritizing initiatives that promote inclusivity, gender equality, and digital justice solutions—areas that are critical to developing countries.

Pakistan takes note of the proposed Operating Budget for 2026 and supports a budget that is transparent, efficient, and aligned with IDLO's strategic priorities.

We commend the Standing Committee, as well as the Audit and Finance Committee, for their diligent oversight. Their work strengthens institutional governance, accountability, and effective resource management—values that Pakistan strongly endorses.

Pakistan remains committed to:

- Strengthening rule of law institutions at home;
- Collaborating with IDLO to advance access to justice and legal empowerment;
- Supporting capacity-building initiatives, especially those aimed at vulnerable and marginalized groups;
- Promoting multilateral solutions to shared challenges in the justice and governance sectors.

We also reaffirm our support for IDLO's work in fragile and conflict-affected settings—areas where justice systems are most needed to sustain peace and stability.

STATEMENT OF PERU
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

Señor Presidente,

Permítame agradecer su conducción de esta reunión y saludar la presentación del Informe de la directora general, que confirma la vigencia del mandato de IDLO y la relevancia de su trabajo en un escenario internacional complejo, marcado por tensiones geopolíticas, presiones financieras y crecientes desafíos para la acción multilateral.

El Perú valora el inicio del ciclo estratégico 2025–2028 y coincide en que el estado de derecho es un instrumento central para promover la paz, impulsar el desarrollo y proteger los derechos humanos. Los ejemplos presentados en el informe —desde el acceso a la justicia en entornos frágiles hasta el fortalecimiento de capacidades institucionales frente a la delincuencia organizada, la corrupción y la violencia contra mujeres y niñas— muestran resultados tangibles que contribuyen a la estabilidad y a la cohesión social.

Asimismo, reconocemos el esfuerzo institucional que IDLO ha dedicado a movilizar apoyo político y económico y a diversificar su base de financiación. Apreciamos las contribuciones básicas que han permitido sostener la continuidad operativa de la Organización y reiteramos la importancia de contar con recursos previsibles y suficientes para implementar programas esenciales.

Deseamos destacar el impacto del trabajo de IDLO en ámbitos prioritarios como la integridad pública, la lucha contra la corrupción, la igualdad de género y el fortalecimiento de sistemas de justicia eficientes y centrados en las personas. Estos esfuerzos adquieren especial relevancia en un momento en que las instituciones públicas enfrentan demandas crecientes y presiones operativas.

En ese marco, valoramos profundamente el trabajo que IDLO viene desarrollando en el Perú, que tiene como objetivo la evaluación del marco legal y los mecanismos anticorrupción en nuestro país. El objetivo de la segunda etapa del proyecto, el fortalecimiento de los sistemas de peritaje, críticos para mejorar la eficiencia y transparencia del sistema judicial, se alinea con nuestra prioridad nacional de elevar los estándares de integridad pública y fortalecer el estado de derecho.

El Perú considera necesario mantener un enfoque equilibrado que atienda tanto las emergencias que enfrentan regiones afectadas por conflictos como los desafíos persistentes de desigualdad, vulnerabilidad y brechas en el acceso a la justicia que enfrentan numerosos países de renta media. En ese sentido, reiteramos la conveniencia de fortalecer la presencia y las actividades de IDLO en América Latina y el Caribe.

Finalmente, deseamos expresar nuestro reconocimiento a la directora general y al equipo de IDLO por su dedicación y profesionalismo. Reiteramos el compromiso del Perú con la misión de la Organización y con la promoción del estado de derecho como base del desarrollo sostenible.

Muchas gracias, señor Presidente.

STATEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

Mr. President,

Director-General,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Thank you, Director-General, for your leadership of this Organization and for the remarkable progress IDLO has achieved in advancing the rule of law globally through an integrated nexus approach. Your guidance continues to inspire and strengthen the Organization's impact around the world.

The Philippines join others in welcoming Cyprus and The Bahamas as new members, and commend IDLO's growing membership, which further amplifies its global reach and footprint

The Philippines fully support the forward-looking priorities presented in the report, which are well-aligned with the evolving global landscape and emerging development needs. We reaffirm our commitment to IDLO's mission to deliver effective justice and build strong, lasting institutions.

In the Philippines, IDLO has made significant strides in expanding access to justice, modernizing legal frameworks and enhancing the capacity of our justice sector, in collaboration with the Department of Justice, the Supreme Court, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, and civil society organizations. We extend our sincere appreciation to IDLO and its donors, particularly the United States and the European Union, whose support has been invaluable in enabling this impactful work in our country.

Yet we must be candid: Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 – peace, justice and inclusive institutions – remains far from being achieved in the foreseeable future. Conflict and geopolitical tensions persist and have even exacerbated. To many, access to justice remains limited. Even where progress is made, vulnerable groups and marginalized communities, especially women and girls and Indigenous Peoples, continue to be left behind.

The message is clear: without urgent action to strengthen the rule of law, ensure accountability and protect human rights, our shared vision will remain out of reach. We must act decisively and collectively. The challenges before us are immense, but so are the opportunities. The road to peaceful and inclusive societies may be long, but united; we can reach our common destination.

At the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Philippines reaffirmed that there can be no sustainable global order other than one rooted in international law and the sovereign equality of states.

As a maritime nation, international law, particularly in maritime spaces, is essential to our future. The rule of law is the heartbeat of Philippine democracy, enshrined in its Constitution. It guides our pursuit of justice, equality, and accountable governance. While challenges remain, we have seen how the rule of law protects our people and strengthens our institutions.

This is why the Philippines continues to call for consistent adherence to rules-based international order, to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and its dispute settlement mechanisms, and to the just and sustainable governance of our oceans. We will continue to work closely with our international partners in fulfilling this shared responsibility.

Given the current funding shortfalls, we must work together to ensure that IDLO can continue to deliver. As the Director-General has reminded us, there is no room for complacency. The Philippines welcomes IDLO's efforts to diversify its funding base and sincerely thanks its partners and donors for aligning resources with its priorities. For developing countries like ours, and for communities in conflict-affected areas, this support is not only vital – it is transformative and catalytic in strengthening domestic rule-of-law frameworks.

Finally, the Philippines stands in solidarity with all IDLO staff, including those serving in our country office and especially those working in difficult and high-risk environments. We honor your dedication, professionalism, and invaluable contributions. Your commitment embodies the spirit and purpose of this Organization.

Thank you, Mr. President.

STATEMENT OF SENEGAL
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

Le Sénégal adresse ses félicitations à la directrice générale de l'IDLO et souhaite la bienvenue aux nouveaux états membres. C'est avec une grande attention que nous avons suivi les différentes interventions et les différents rapports présentés. Nous comprenons les difficultés du moment et la tendance de plus en plus affirmée de privilégier l'unilatéralisme mais nous tenons à rappeler que le droit est la base de l'équité et du respect dans les relations internationales. Il est la garantie que les forts n'abusent pas de leurs pouvoirs et que les faibles ne sont pas exploités. Le Sénégal est un acteur engagé dans la promotion et le développement du droit international. Notre coopération avec l'IDLO est ancienne et nous travaillons à lui insuffler un dynamisme nouveau avec la signature d'un Accord de siège et la mise en œuvre d'un programme ambitieux.

Nous accueillons avec beaucoup d'intérêt les publications de l'IDLO et même si nous ne communiquons directement avec l'organisation, nous les partageons avec nos Autorités qui s'en inspirent. A titre d'exemple, le rapport sur la Gouvernance foncière centrée sur les personnes pour la paix, la sécurité et la stabilité: explorer les solutions de l'état de droit revêt une grande importance pour le Sénégal qui travaille sur une réforme foncière dont les objectifs sont identiques à ceux du rapport.

Pour finir, nous encourageons l'IDLO à mettre en place de nouveaux outils pour une meilleure diffusion du droit en accordant une attention particulière à la jeunesse, aux femmes, aux réseaux sociaux, aux technologies et aux langues locales. Le droit ne doit pas être accessible aux seuls juristes. Il faut le démocratiser pour faire du principe : « *nul n'est censé ignorer la loi* », une réalité.

Je vous remercie de votre aimable attention.

STATEMENT OF SWEDEN
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

Thank you, Madam President.

Sweden notes the good results from IDLO's operations in 2025, which is the first year of the multi-annual strategic plan for 2025-2028. We welcome the Director General's strong commitment to gender equality and the plan's clear anchoring in human rights and work on anticorruption.

Sweden expresses its appreciation for the efforts of the Secretariat to adapt IDLO to the new financial situation in a balanced manner, reducing personnel costs both at headquarters and in the country offices (some seventy people laid off) as well as in programmes, which have lost its funding. We also note the austerity and reprioritization measures proposed.

We note a forecasted decline in programme funding of 35% in 2026, compared to 2025. This is a sharp decrease and poses challenges for IDLO.

Sweden welcomes the increase in flexible support by 6%. This is a crucial element in the adaptation to a new reality. We believe it strengthens IDLO's ability to do a transition to reduced programme funding in an orderly manner.

Sweden agrees with an increase of the limited budget for pilot activities to explore new opportunities, before securing funding for programmes, and to maintain the capacity to respond to needs in partner countries. However, securing new and additional funding remains a challenge and we call upon all member states to contribute to the organisation.

Sweden has increased its funding for 2026 (with 10 million Swedish crowns) and will also contribute to country programs in Moldova, Kenya, and Uganda.

Sweden shares the management's view that IDLO's presence in countries is key to IDLO's ability to contribute to results and to its credibility as an expert organization in the field of the rule of law, not least in fragile contexts.

We recall the importance of finding a proper balance between country offices room to manoeuvre and adapt to needs, and headquarters monitoring of internal regulations and operations.

Sweden also welcomes the development of integrated country programs that facilitate resource mobilization, and better results (implemented in Burkina Faso, Somalia, Tunisia, and Uganda and also in Kenya and Mali).

Sweden fully supports the establishment of an IDLO presence in Brussels, something we have long advocated for. We see that IDLO has the potential to increase its cooperation with the EU, particularly since IDLO has been positively assessed as a partner in 2022. We welcome the intention to also

strengthen relations with other regional organisations such as the AU and ASEAN.

Madam President,

Let me conclude by expressing Sweden's appreciation for the excellent work undertaken in implementing the strategic plan, for the leadership of the DG Beagle and to all IDLOs staff, at headquarters and in every office around the world.

Your relentless efforts to seek solutions to rule of law challenges we all face are well recognized and much appreciated.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF TUNISIA
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

M. le Président de l'assemblée

Merci de m'avoir accordé la parole. Étant donné que c'est ma première intervention, je tiens à vous exprimer tous mes vœux de réussite pour cette session.

Mme la Directrice générale

Excellences,

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Permettez-moi tout d'abord de vous adresser mes remerciements pour votre rapport exhaustif et de saluer votre leadership et votre engagement en faveur de la coopération multilatérale.

Je voudrais également souhaiter la bienvenue aux nouveaux membres de notre organisation (le Chypre et les Bahamas)

Mme la Directrice générale,

Je ne peux pas m'adresser à cet auguste assemblé sans devoir saluer le partenariat fructueux entre la Tunisie et l'Organisation Internationale de Droit du Développement (OIDD). Ce lien, qui existe depuis de nombreuses années, a permis des avancées notables dans le domaine de l'État de droit et du développement en Tunisie.

L'Organisation est, en effet, fortement impliquée en Tunisie, jouant un rôle crucial dans le renforcement de l'État de droit. À titre d'exemple de cet engagement soutenu, je citerai deux initiatives majeures :

La première est le programme « Accès à la terre et au crédit » qui vise à créer des emplois durables dans le secteur agroalimentaire, notamment en réglant les litiges fonciers, en améliorant le remembrement des terres et en étendant l'accès aux services financiers et juridiques.

La deuxième est l'engagement pour la justice des femmes et des filles, en soutenant la mise en œuvre de la loi pour améliorer leur accès à la justice, notamment pour les survivantes de la violence basée sur le genre, en élargissant l'assistance juridique et en renforçant la capacité du système judiciaire à rendre des décisions tenant compte du genre.

Mme la Directrice générale,

Je suis convaincu que, grâce à la poursuite de notre partenariat avec l'OIDD, nous pourrons concrétiser nos objectifs communs en matière d'état de droit et de développement durable.

Je tiens à remercier l'OIDD pour son soutien indéfectible et à réaffirmer l'engagement de la Tunisie à poursuivre cette collaboration.

Je vous remercie pour votre attention.

Mr. President of the general assembly

Thank you for giving me the floor. Given that this is my first speech, I would like to wish you all the best for this session.

Mrs. Director-General,

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me first thank you for your comprehensive report and welcome your leadership and commitment to multilateral cooperation.

I would also like to welcome the new members of our organization (Cyprus and the Bahamas)

Ms. Director-General,

I cannot address this August assembly without commending the fruitful partnership between Tunisia and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO. This link, which has existed for many years, has led to notable advances in the field of the rule of law and development in Tunisia.

The Organization is, indeed, strongly involved in Tunisia, playing a crucial role in strengthening the rule of law. As an example of this sustained commitment, I will mention two major initiatives:

The first is the "Access to Land and Credit" programme, which aims at creating sustainable jobs in the agri-food sector, notably by settling land disputes, improving land consolidation and expanding access to financial and legal services.

The second is the commitment to justice for women and girls, by supporting the implementation of the law to improve their access to justice, particularly for survivors of gender-based violence, by expanding legal assistance and strengthening the capacity of the judicial system to render gender-sensitive decisions.

Ms. Director-General,

I am convinced that, through the continuation of our partnership with the IDLO, we will be able to achieve our common goals in the rule of law and sustainable development.

I would like to thank the IDLO for its unwavering support and reaffirm Tunisia's commitment to continue this collaboration.

Thank you for your attention.

STATEMENT OF TÜRKİYE
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

Honourable Director General,

Distinguished Delegates,

It is an honour to take the floor on behalf of Türkiye.

Let me begin by thanking the Director General for her comprehensive and forward-looking report.

The document clearly demonstrates IDLO's ability to deliver tangible results in a challenging global environment marked by conflicts, geopolitical uncertainties and shrinking development resources.

Türkiye has long believed that the rule of law is an indispensable pillar for peace, stability, sustainable development as well as for the protection of human rights.

We appreciate IDLO's efforts in translating these principles into practical, nationally-owned solutions across multiple regions and thematic areas.

From access to justice in fragile settings to combatting corruption, from strengthening food and land governance to supporting rights of women and girls, IDLO's work continues to demonstrate real impact on the ground.

This year, Türkiye made its first-ever voluntary contribution to IDLO. This shows the importance given by Türkiye to the work carried out by the Organization.

At a time when many governments are reassessing their development spendings and prioritize limited resources, this voluntary contribution is a clear expression of Türkiye's confidence and conviction in IDLO and multilateralism.

We encourage all Member Parties to support IDLO through predictable and sustainable funding.

A broader and more diversified donor base is critical for ensuring IDLO's financial resilience and its ability to maintain field presence, especially in contexts that are most needed.

Türkiye also attaches great value to the integrity, transparency and accountability of IDLO's governance structures.

In this regard, we highly appreciate and support the work of the Audit and Finance Committee, whose guidance and scrutiny have been essential part of the organization.

The Committee's efforts contribute directly to strengthening IDLO's financial discipline, risk management and long-term sustainability.

In light of our continued support and engagement, Türkiye would be honoured to continue contributing to the Audit and Finance Committee in the coming term (of 2025-2027).

We respectfully seek the support of all Member States for our candidature.

We stand ready to work constructively with all delegations to ensure that the Committee remains an effective mechanism for oversight and strategic guidance.

Honourable Director General,

As we look ahead to the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2025–2028, Türkiye stands committed to supporting IDLO’s mission.

We welcome the Organization’s renewed focus on practical solutions, innovation and strengthened partnerships.

We are confident that with sustained political will and adequate resourcing, IDLO will continue to play a unique and indispensable role in advancing justice, stability and development worldwide.

Türkiye reiterates its full support to the DG, the Secretariat and all IDLO personnel who work to uphold the rule of law and improve the lives of people and communities around the world.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF VIETNAM
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTIES
12 DECEMBER 2025

Your Excellency,

Madam Director-General and Mr. President,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, I am honored and delighted to participate in the 2025 Annual Conference of IDLO Member States. This year's conference features an agenda encompassing many significant topics. On behalf of the Vietnamese Delegation, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Madam Director-General and all colleagues for their dedication in organizing this important event, which sets the stage for a new chapter in IDLO's development.

We fully align with the perspectives outlined in the report presented by Madam Director-General. We highly commend the accomplishments and progress made by IDLO over the first year in implementing the Strategic Plan 2025–2028. Notably, we applaud the organization's efforts to enhance its contributions to peace, sustainable development, and the 2030 Agenda through the promotion of the rule of law, gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, and climate justice.

In an era of globalization and international integration, marked by the transformative impacts of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, we believe that with these tangible achievements, IDLO will continue to reaffirm its role as a pivotal organization dedicated to advancing the rule of law, justice, and the realization of the 2030 Agenda.

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Over the past period, the Party and the State have introduced numerous innovative guidelines and policies aimed at enhancing the efficiency of legal drafting and enforcement, achieving many important results. The theoretical understanding of the Socialist Rule of Law State of Vietnam has been continuously refined. Vietnam has established a relatively comprehensive, public, transparent, and accessible legal system that fundamentally regulates all aspects of social life, creating a legal foundation for socio-economic development, ensuring national defense and security, and international integration. Nevertheless, we must frankly acknowledge that legal drafting and enforcement work over time still faces certain limitations and shortcomings. In the context of the country entering a new era of development with aspirations

to reach further and integrate deeper, there is an objective demand to continue innovating institutions and laws more strongly.

In this context, the Politburo's issuance of “Resolution No. 66 dated April 30, 2025 regarding innovating law-making and law enforcement in response to the vietnam's development demands in the new era”, holds especially significant meaning, serving as a rallying call for a profound institutional reform. This strategic document affirms the Party's high political determination to comprehensively overhaul legal drafting and enforcement work, with the goal of making institutions and laws truly become a national competitive advantage, a solid foundation, and a powerful driving force for development.

The pervasive spirit of the Resolution is that the legal system must be constructive; it must "go one step ahead" to lead, remove bottlenecks, and create a legally open environment for innovation, mobilizing all resources for the country's socio-economic development, and fully guaranteeing human rights and citizens' rights in the new phase of development

With a spirit of innovation and proactive adaptation, Vietnam looks forward to deepening our cooperation with IDLO and learning from its expertise in legal reform and judicial improvement. These efforts will support the development of a robust rule-of-law system and contribute to building a developed economy rooted in inclusivity, ensuring no one is left behind. We also hope IDLO will continue to collaborate with developing countries like Vietnam in these areas, fostering equitable, inclusive, and sustainable development at the global level.

Thank you very much!

