

**BACKGROUND NOTE ON THE  
ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES  
November 23 - 24, 2015**

The re-election of Director-General Irene Khan for a second four-year term is scheduled to take place at the meeting of the Assembly of Parties on November 23-24, 2015.

Article VI, section 4, of the Agreement for the Establishment of IDLO provides that the Director-General shall be elected by the Assembly and that her four-year term may be renewable once. A Note Verbale sent on April 30, 2015 to all Parties by Italy as Vice President of the Assembly on behalf of Kuwait as President of the Assembly expressed its “thorough appreciation for the work undertaken by IDLO’s current Director-General since she assumed office on January, 2012”. The Note informed Parties that the Director-General’s term is “due to end on 31 December 2015 [and] ... may be renewed for an additional period of four year (4) years”. The Note further advised Parties of the possibility of submitting other qualified candidates for consideration. No Party submitted any other candidate for consideration.

Accordingly, the re-election of the current Director-General is uncontested and Ms. Irene Khan is the only candidate who has been put forward for election. In accordance with Article 30, the President will proceed by seeking to secure a consensus on Ms. Khan’s re-election in lieu of taking a vote. As provided by Article 28, the decision will be memorialized in a resolution recording the result of the election.

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