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## **BACKGROUND NOTE**

### **Assembly of Parties Meeting 2014: Elections**

The following elections for the Governing Bodies of IDLO are scheduled for the meeting of the Assembly of Parties on November 6, 2014:

- President of the Assembly of Parties (for a three year term)
- Vice-President of the Assembly of Parties (for a three year term)
- One ad hoc member of the Standing Committee (for a two year term).
- Three or five members of the Audit and Finance Committee, including the Chair (for a two year term).

Italy, as the State where the Organization has its headquarters, serves as the permanent ex officio Vice-President (Article VI.1.D.a of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization and Article 14.1 of the Assembly of Parties Rules of Procedure).

The current President (USA) and Vice-President (Kuwait) can seek election or appointment to other positions but are not eligible to stand for re-election of their current positions at the 2014 Assembly of Parties (Article VI.1.D.a of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization).

One ad hoc member of the Standing Committee (Peru) is eligible to seek re-election of its current position (Article VI.3 of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization and Article V of the Standing Committee Rules of Procedure). The other ad hoc member of the Standing Committee (the Netherlands) is halfway through its term and not up for election.

The current members of the Audit and Finance Committee (Jordan, Kenya, the Netherlands, the People's Republic of China, and the Philippines) are eligible to seek renewal for another term (Article 2 of the Audit and Finance Committee Rules of Procedure). Article 2 of the Audit and Finance Committee Rules of Procedure states that the Audit and Finance Committee shall be composed of three or five members chosen from among members of the Assembly of Parties.

The Assembly of Parties is required to appoint a Chair from among the members of the Audit and Finance Committee. Article 2 of the Audit and Finance Committee Rules of Procedure states that "the Chairman of the Committee shall have relevant financial expertise or have direct access to financial advice". The current Chairman, the Netherlands, is eligible for renewal for another term.