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Thank You Mr. President,

We appreciate the new Strategic Plan and compliment the DG and her team members for the hard work they have putting in formulating this plan.

IDLO Strategy 2020 outlines its goals and objectives for the next four years. It also aligns IDLO's goals with the lessons learnt during implementation of the last Strategic Plan. The principles underpinning Strategy 2020 are people focused, justice oriented, gender sensitive envisions working beyond geographical boundaries and priorities countries emerging from conflict and transitioning towards democracy. It is the result of the hard work which deserves acknowledgement.

However, we feel that IDLO's work is likely to be affected by growing inequality in the world. The violent conflicts in parts of the world, lack of technical and legal support required in many countries pose inherent challenges to IDLO, in achieving a global culture of justice. We feel that the plan would require more finances to strengthen the organization's capacity and resources.

We all need to work together to enable IDLO to achieve its obligations.

We wish IDLO success in its endeavours.