
Mr. President,

Madame Director General,

Excellencies,

Members of the Board of Advisors,

Distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

The Assembly of parties of the International Development Law Organization convenes this year at a very critical point. The world is witnessing an unprecedented wave of terrorism that targets civilians across the world from Bamako to Paris to the Middle East.

The political instability combined this evil wave of terrorism resulted in a massive migration from conflict areas to Europe that is considered to be the largest migration crisis since World War Two.

IDLO as the only intergovernmental organization devoted to promote the rule of law is in a position to contribute effectively to the international efforts to counter this dangerous phenomenon.

There is a synergetic relationship between sustainable development and the realization of peace and security. Both are interlinked. We can't achieve sustainable development if our world continues to suffer from the threats of terrorism, conflicts and occupation. By ending the sources of conflict we pave the way for achieving sustainable development at national, regional and international levels.

Distinguished Delegates,

Our meeting today comes after less than two months from the UN summit where the leaders of the world adopted a very ambitious

agenda for development that includes 17 goals and 169 targets.

We recognize the role that IDLO has played in the negotiations to reach these universal goals and the potential fundamental role it can play to support the achievement of these goals and especially goal 16.

The rule of law is at the center of agenda 2030. It is inconceivable to envision that these universal objectives could be achieved without a collective effort to uphold the rule of law in every single sector.

In this regard, I would like to reconfirm Egypt's commitment to support all international efforts that could contribute to the achievement of these objectives.

Egypt believes that these goals shall result in balanced and fair development that benefits everybody, atop of whom come women and children. This requires meaningful participation of all segments of the society.

The right to development is the corner stone of the "Egyptian Sustainable Development Strategy until the year 2030"; which aims at achieving comprehensive sustainable economic development, improving the investment context, enhancing human capital and accomplishing social justice together with providing decent life for the Egyptian citizen.

In this regard, we believe, the national efforts to achieve these goals should be supported by the international community, which should deal actively with other challenges that hamper achieving sustainable development the most important of which is terrorism, conflicts and occupation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Egypt notes with satisfaction the strong progress achieved the objectives and goals set out in the Strategic Plan 2013-2016, as

well as the diversification in the programs of the organization both at the substantive and the geographical levels.

We also commend the organization for the increased quality of program implementation to an estimated 28 million euro, up from 24.3 million euro in 2014.

In this regard, we stress the importance of giving more priority to the challenges facing developing countries especially in fields like the rule of law, social inclusion, economic empowerment as well as dealing with the challenges arising from migration.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before I end my statement I would like to welcome the new members: Pakistan, Mongolia and Honduras, and to confirm our willingness to work together to achieve the collective objectives of the organization.

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