

***Mr. President,  
Madame Director General,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Guests,  
Ladies and Gentle Men,***

It's my pleasure to be here and address your General Assembly which is held in a crucial time for The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) and the whole world. Time where the lack of rule of law is dominant in many places around the world, and terrorism is striking strongly and the latest as we have sadly seen in Paris and Bamako. Time we need solidarity to achieve the rule of law, raise awareness, address the root causes that lead to extremism, in order realize sustainable and equitable development. Here I would like to commend IDLO's great work that resulted in the positive step taken by the United Nations, in particular 2030 Agenda which has put justice and the rule of law at the heart of development. Furthermore I would like to commend IDLO's great efforts in opening a Branch Office in the Hugu and a regional office in Amman, meanwhile I remind all member parties of the necessity of collective work in order to implement the rule of law at both national and international levels.

***Excellencies,***

Our Organization got momentum and recognition worldwide and this is evident as interest in the Organization grew, resulting in the completion of membership of Pakistan, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan and Honduras. Allow me, in this regard Excellencies, to warmly welcome them.

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My country has done much work to achieve the rule of law and transparency, in this regard H.E the President of the Republic has declared war against corruption and formed an anti-corruption commission. Moreover, the Sudanese government has recently passed laws on corruption, terrorism, money laundering and human trafficking.

My country highly appreciate the decision of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) taken last October in Paris. At the same time we regret the renewal of unilateral sanctions against my country. As you know these sanctions set back development, affect people and not the government and give a wrong sign to rebels to carry on their hostilities.

Accordingly Sudan will no longer be subject to the FAFT'S monitoring under its ongoing global compliance processes.

***Excellencies,***

Sudan is looking forward to further cooperate and strengthen its relations with IDLO in the field of training and capacity building to enhance the role of law by raising awareness for the public good.

In conclusion allow me to repeat my call for a harmonized collective work to overcome the challenges ahead and achieve equitable sustainable development.

I wish you all success and thank you for your attention.