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Interactive debate: the Rule of Law and the 2030 Agenda: the Road Ahead

Statement of the Permanent Representative of Italy,

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Mr President,

I would like to express my gratitude for the very high level and inspiring contributions that have been shared here, today.

Let me just add a few words.

Our inspiring debate of today is helping us better understand how **the achievement of rule of law** already requires the **unreserved commitment** of the institutions, both at national and local level, the civil society and the citizens.

As to the latter the citizens: **true citizenship** cannot be even conceived of out of a pattern of rule of law and good governance.

This joint commitment bears good fruits also with regard to **economic progress and social inclusiveness**.

It is in the interest of **all**, including those who may feel their privileges threatened by equity and justice, because **in the long run only decently and transparently governed states can thrive**.

In a moment of growing geopolitical turmoil all over the world, with rising violence that push massive migrations and refugee flows, with incumbent climate changes that cause floods, drought and famine, **we need the contribution of IDLO more than ever**.

This is a precious jewel and we are **proud to host it in Italy**, where the very conceptualization of **law** started to flourish.

Good legislation is paramount for the thorough protection of fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as to achieve comprehensive social and economic protection, especially for the most vulnerable and with special regard to fragile countries and conflict affected countries.

Mr President,

It is in this light that we strongly recommend - in the forthcoming Strategic Plan 2017-2020 – that more attention be given to **trade and economic law** as key enablers of development, with special emphasis on land tenure, natural resources, right to food and the agricultural sector.

In this regard, we also encourage **closer cooperation with the UN Rome based Agencies and the UN Committee on World Food Security.**

Thank you for your attention.