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Thank you ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Chairman, your Excellences.

Let me express our appreciation for your support to the intention of the Kyrgyz government to join the agreement establishing the International Development Law Organization.

We would also like to congratulate the new members of the organization.

Throughout 25 years of its independence our republic has gone through many trials to build a truly democratic rule of law state. We have gone through two revolutions as IDLO has asserted at the UN summit. Building the rule of law takes vision time and money, but this is the [UNKNOWN] investment of all. Building the rule of law and ensuring access to justice is more efficient than mending pieces when states fail. The rule of law is one of the primary principles of the civilized world, and it consists of a consolidation of rights and laws as the basis of relations between actors and social life, the revolution transformed our republic into a parliamentary state. In the parliament, elections in October of this year, we had more than 650 observers from different countries over the world, the international community recognized that the elections were fair and transparent.

The civil society in our republic is proactive and the government engaged in a constructive dialog with it. Our republic has adopted the strategy of national development which is summarized in this sustainable development goals, and we are member of the UN council of HR, and we are actively promoting the enjoyment of human rights. The government and its institutions strive to increase the trust of the population through improvement of the quality of government services open to the population.

Nevertheless, we have problems as our citizens do not know their rights, they do not know how to defend themselves. This also happens in the access to equitable justice so any activity aimed at increasing legal literacy is very important. It is necessary to take into account also the needs of the less defended in the population , the needs of the vulnerable population to access justice, and we have a plan to increase legal awareness and legal culture. Our ministry has proposed a new concept of providing legal aid via finance through the government budget. These strategic documents involve many institutions that have to take the [UNKNOWN].

The republic is standing at the "gasp" of a new stage of judicial reform, in the nearest future we will approve new legislative services, in the debt of criminal law [UNKNOWN]. In the conclusion of my speech I would like to say that IDLO is putting into practice the principle of the rule of law and doing this it has a clear understanding and vision of what this principle represents. We consider IDLO one of the strategic partners for promotion of the rule of law, we hope this collaboration will lead to positive aspects such as the reinforcement of democracy, the improvement of condition for investment attraction and the reinforcement of relations between party members of IDLO.

Thank you for your attention.