

## **Meeting of the IDLO Assembly of Parties**

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#### *Transcribed as delivered*

Thank you Director-General, I would just like to offer a short comment in light of an event we organize actually with IDLO and the Inter Parliamentary Union and two member states, Italy and Uruguay, in New York. And this event was centered and focused on access to legal information, which is maybe a simple issue, but a very important one, I think. And, you know, making reference to what Professor Giovannini said in the beginning, how countries (unknown) amend the law, issue new legislation, and communicate this legislation to the citizens, access to legal information, freely, timely and in an authoritative way it is my opinion an essential way this came out of this event is a very important issue. We heard about trust, you know, creating trust between institutions and citizens and actually partnership. The 2030 agenda, is also talking about partnership between institutions and the citizens. But also think about yourself. Each one of you I'm sure have looked on the web for a legislation, maybe for a resolution, maybe for your own personal issue and probably when one finds the piece of legislation think, 'is this the last one,' 'is this one, the current one.' And despite the technology available after twenty years, there are no countries that can claim to give access to legal information freely and timely to citizens, but there are many countries that have done progress, and particularly some, you know, maybe one institution or... So my encouragement to this assembly is to increase the exchange of practices and the knowledge exchange about giving us, providing access to legal information to citizens. Imagine if you look at a piece of legislation, imagine how many producers, millions of producers, millions of people that are trading, exchanging goods or maybe even providing legal aid to others, they need to have access to legal information. Thank you.