On the IDLO Assembly 2014, Rome, 6 Nov, 2014

H.E. President Ambassador David Lane, H.E. Director General Irene Khan, Honorable Guests, Dear Friends,

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I am very glad to be here to say something about rule of law, IDLO and China.

Firstly, I would like to extend my warm congratulations on the great achievements made by IDLO in 2014. It is very exciting to know that the IDLO is doing so well under the excellent leadership of the present managing team, so many activities carried out, in so many areas and countries, real progresses are being make and IDLO is really helping more people to access to and improve rule of law. And IDLO is self if performing very good as well. And now the sound momentum is keep very well. As a member state, we feel very proud of IDLO. This is an election meeting, may I take the liberty just to suggest that we try to keep the present managing team as stable as possible. It is managing team as stable as possible. It is managing team as stable as possible.

Secondly, allow me to express my sincere thanks to IDLO. Eversince last Assembly meeting, IDLO had started to increase high-level presence in China. Mr. William Paton, former Deputy DG, was sent to Beijing as Special Envoy to China. Now, through Mr. Paton's hard work, IDLO is working closely with NPC of China in the drafting of Electronic Commerce Law, and help MOFCOM to update the Foreign Investment Law. IDLO is keeping very good ties with China's NPC, SCLAO, MOFCOM, NCRD and so on, and we, the MOFCOM are assisting IDLO in establish its Beijing Office now. Surely in the future, there'll be more cooperations between IDLO and China. We really appreciate IDLO's great efforts very much, our sincere thanks to IDLO again.

Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to brief you on the just closed 4th plenary session of the 18th CPC Central Committee, which focusing on the rule of law, passing the decision on some important issues in the overall pushing forward the rule of law in China. It surely form the guideline and roadmap for China to carry out its huge reform and development activities on the track of law. I'd just like to emphasize the significance of this event.

Firstly, it signifies that China's leading party has accepted the idea of rule of law officially. This is the first time for CPC convention with the theme on rule of law. CPC vowed to build China into country ruled by law, and put the publish rights in the strong cage of law, all activities will be conducted within the law. A lot of specific measures are to be taken to ensure that. It shows that China is formally embracing one of the most important universal values and beliefs in international community, the rule of law. It means that China has entered the big international family composed of countries holding the firm belief--rule of law.

Secondly, it will greatly push forward the China's domestic reform and development program. All the important decisions-making, project-enforcing, supervising, dispute settling will be strictly carried out according to law. Social justices are guaranteed by various reform measures. Law will be the only standard and highest authority in the country. We're quite confident that China will remain a

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fast-growing country with good social order, on the track of rule of law.

Last but not least, China will continue to play a stable peaceful and prosperous role in the world. We'll faithfully abide by the international law, honestly fulfill the obligations of international treaties, sincerely carry out various co-operations and exchanges with other countries, build China into a responsible big country in the world.

Actually, the 4th plenum of 18th CPC Central Committee marks or indicates the final bankruptcy of the past long-term guiding ideology and practice of rule of man, in the meantime, it declares the formal establishment of rule of law in China.

China, a country with several thousands years' tradition of rule of man, a country with 1/5 of world's population, a country of the second largest economy, has converted to rule of law. This, in my opinion, really means something to the world. 7 1

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