
PRESS RELEASE
PAKISTAN JOINS IDLO,
REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO RULE OF LAW

Rome, November 23, 2015 - Two months after the historic inclusion of the rule of law in the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Pakistan joined today the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law.

The signing ceremony took place during the opening of IDLO's annual Assembly of Parties, hosted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome on November 23-24, 2015. Two other countries, Honduras and Mongolia, also joined today.

In his remarks, Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz reaffirmed Pakistan's belief in democracy and the rule of law and vowed to actively and positively contribute to the activities of the organization. He recalled that over 100 Pakistani legal professionals have benefited from IDLO trainings. "These people, some of them in government positions, are now contributing to the development of the country," Ambassador Riyaz said.

"Pakistan's strong legal community and the alignment of the goals of the 'Vision 2025' document - inclusive growth, good governance, institutional reform and the development of human and social capital - with rule of law principles can provide a strong basis for IDLO to collaborate and provide assistance in realizing them," said IDLO Director-General Irene Khan.

Background

Established in 1983, the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) is the only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law.

IDLO works to enable governments and empower people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development and economic opportunity. Its programs, research and policy advocacy cover the spectrum of rule of law from peace and institution building to social development and economic recovery in countries emerging from conflict and striving towards democracy.

IDLO has its headquarters in Rome, a Branch Office in The Hague, liaison offices for the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and Country Offices in Afghanistan, Honduras, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Somalia, South Sudan and Tajikistan.

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