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VIETNAM JOINS IDLO, REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE SDG 16

(Rome) November 29, 2016 - One year after the historic inclusion of the rule of law in the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Vietnam has joined the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law.

Vietnam's accession took place during the opening of IDLO's annual Assembly of Parties, hosted by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome on November 29, 2016.

In her remarks, Dang Hoang Oanh, Director General of the Department of International Relations at the Vietnamese Ministry of Justice, reaffirmed the country's commitment to strengthen legal cooperation with international organizations as "a friend and partner country in the international community".

Vietnam considers accession to IDLO an "important step" in its implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 16.

Vietnam promised to contribute to the organization's work as a "trusted and responsible" Member Party, making every effort to promote the rule of law and development.

IDLO Director-General, Irene Khan, extended "a warm welcome to Vietnam as IDLO's youngest Member Party".

Notes to Editors

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, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia, Myanmar, Somalia, South Sudan and Tajikistan.

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