

Montenegro is very pleased to participate this year to IDLO Assembly of Parties and Partnership Forum as a member country, and we are grateful for all the support that IDLO has provided us in the process of achieving full membership. We have recognized the important work that IDLO is doing in the field of strengthening rule of law, access to justice, equality and human rights, which is fully in line with Montenegro's endeavors to, through strengthening of rule of law, further advance our democracy, stability and achieve overall development.

The significant projects that IDLO has supported and implemented in Montenegro have given an invaluable contribution to building of capacities of our judiciary and, at the same time, an important incentive in making progress and achieving goals within the chapters 23 and 24 of our negotiation process with the European union.

Our work in the areas of rule of law and access to justice is rooted in our firm belief that rule of law is indispensable for achieving equality and lasting stability and represents an important precondition for economic development.

I would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to Madam Director General for all her support, and for the admirable work she is doing. Montenegro and its Government are committed to being a constructive partner of IDLO, as we work together to build a more just, equitable and prosperous world.