**IDLO** Annual Meeting of Assembly of Parties (28-29 November 2017)

## Statement by Pakistan on Agenda Item 5

## 'Proposed Management Plan for 2018'

## Thank you Mr. President,

At the outset we would like to thank the Director General for a very comprehensive presentation.

The purposes of the Management Plan are consolidating the transition to strategy 2020. We firmly believe that the Management Plan will implement policies and projects contained in IDLOs Strategy 2020.

We note that the political and security environment remains unstable in many of IDLO's countries of operation. This presents challenges as well as opportunities.

These challenges require IDLO to increase its operational capacity, strengthen its planning and impact assessment and invest in its human resources in the coming year. This implies expansion of financial and political support, including funding.

If this year was regarded as the year of stabilization of the organization, we feel that 2018 would be the year to focus on enhancing quality and impact of its programs, and prioritize resource mobilization.

We believe that Revitalizing Resource Mobilization, delivering programs for policy advocacy to empower groups, strengthening institutions to improve laws, and quality of justice with a special focus on criminal justice, fighting corruption, and economic development are essential and beneficial to all. In this context, the need for increased transparency in order to ensure donor support, as emphasized by the Director General, is highly important.

There is a need to explore new openings. These includes IDLO expanding its program portfolio, from Asia to all regions of the world. This is essential as we need to reach out to more states to assist the work of IDLO.

We acknowledge IDLO's work on gender equality, assisting poor and marginalized groups to fight against discrimination and eradicating sexual and gender based violence.

Finally, regarding the budget for 2018, it is satisfying to note that IDLO's restricted and unrestricted revenue for the year remains within its proposed budget.

Mr. President, with these comments we approve the Management Plan and Budget for 2018.

Thank you.

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