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Item 4. 2019 Management Plan and Budget

Thank you Mr. President.

The Philippines would like to thank IDLO Director General Irene Khan, the Secretariat, the Standing Committee, and the Audit and Finance Committee for the preparation and work on the draft 2019 Management Plan and Budget.

We welcome IDLO's continued aim to contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We fully support the achievement of IDLO's impact goals, especially towards empowering people and groups, especially women and girls, as well as, making effective, accessible, and accountable institutions and law and policies fair.

We take this opportunity to thank IDLO, including the support of the United States, for the program *Enhancing the Capacity of Prosecutors in the Philippines*. The program trains our prosecutors and officials from the Office of the Philippine Ombudsman that contributes towards strengthening the rule of law in our country.

The Philippines is also happy to note that 2019 is seen as a period of significant growth for IDLO, building on the achievements of the past years. The increase in the program revenue is a welcome development.

On geographic diversification, we welcome IDLO's focus on ASEAN member countries as it expands into the Asia-Pacific Region. The Philippines, both as a founding member of ASEAN and a founding member of IDLO, is ready to further support IDLO as it engages ASEAN members states.

As IDLO expands its donor base and looks into strategies for philanthropic and private sector funding, the Philippines encourages IDLO to look into South-South and Triangular Cooperation as means to further boost IDLO's work in developing countries.

With these comments, the Philippines endorses the draft 2019 Management Plan and Budget. Thank you.