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All the eminent speakers ahead of me have highlighted how crucial the Rule of Law is to justice and development. Most importantly, the discussions show how much the Rule of Law can contribute to tackling issues at the center of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The theme of the debate we have just listened to is, in fact, key to world order. And the United Nations recognized this back in September 2012, when the High Level meeting of the General Assembly adopted a Declaration, reaffirming the commitment to the Rule of Law as an indispensable foundation for a more peaceful, prosperous and just world. The adoption of the Declaration demonstrated that the Rule of Law is a cross-cutting issue, which is concerned not only with developments at a global level, but also in domestic governance.

I am convinced that a global order based on the Rule of Law is imperative for peaceful coexistence and cooperation among States. And over the years, there has been a growing recognition of the relevance of the Rule of Law and human rights in international relations and international law.

Focusing on the Rule of Law is particularly relevant at a time when the Middle East, North Africa and other parts of the world are experiencing major changes and people's demand for greater accountability, justice and the rule of law is driving these political changes.

Against this background, it is clear that the work done by IDLO and its partners around the world is crucial to realizing the ever-increasing aspiration for the Rule of Law to prevail, as well as for transparency and economic opportunity. IDLO has been striving to put the Rule of Law at the core of the ongoing discussions around the Post-2015 Development Agenda, as it continues to consolidate its position both as a thought leader on these issues but also as a highly specialized implementing organization.

Thanks the Presidency for their strong support of the Board in the past years and IDLO for the support.

As the Chair of IDLO's Board of Advisors, I am happy to report that my colleagues on the Board are using their vast collective experience to ensure that the Rule of Law is accorded the priority it deserves. We are proud to have contributed to significant IDLO publications, for example, the Doing Justice to Sustainable

Development: Integrating the Rule of Law into the Post-2015 Development Agenda report, and to IDLO's Management Plan for 2015.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that there can be no Rule of Law unless there is a transparent legal system - one that has a clear set of laws that are freely and easily accessible to all, strong enforcement structures, and an independent judiciary to protect citizens against the arbitrary use of power by the State, individuals or any other organization. Moreover, the Rule of Law can

generate economic reform and unlock the social, political and economic potential that exists in societies.

I commit to hard work to obtain objectives of the Assembly and the Organization.

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) enables governments and empowers people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development and economic opportunity.