
**Welcoming address by H.E. Mr Giorgio Marrapodi,
Director General for Development Cooperation,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**

**MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES 2019
13 NOVEMBER 2019**



Mr President, Madam Director-General, Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, we are extremely pleased to host once again the Assembly of Parties of the International Development Law Organisation here at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy. This has indeed become a recurrent occasion to gather and discuss the issues at the core of IDLO's mandate and Member States' commitment to them. Hosting this meeting is for Italy another way to show in concrete terms its support of IDLO.

Rule of law, good governance and human rights belong to Italy's legal history and juridical culture, they are an intrinsic part of our institutional framework, they define in many ways who we are as a polity and as a country. This is why we have always considered peace, justice and strong institutions key factors for development and priorities for our programs of development cooperation. This is also why we have been one of the most active supporters of SDG 16. As you all know, last May we co-organised here with IDLO and UNDESA a conference on SDG 16 that laid the groundwork for further discussions at the HLPF in July and SDG Summit in September. We are ready to work together with IDLO and other stakeholders to hold a second Conference on SDG 16 in the spring of 2020.

Since this is the last Assembly of Parties with Irene Khan as Director-General of IDLO let me express our gratitude and appreciation for her work over the past eight years. I first met Irene when I was Head of the legal service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have been impressed from the beginning by her passion and competence. Under her leadership IDLO has grown in membership and activities and I believe Irene leaves the organisation an enduring, positive legacy. So thank you again Irene for all your efforts and dedication. During this session a new Director-General will be elected. Italy stands ready to work with her or him to further promote our common goals.

Regrettably, our Vice Minister Emanuela Del Re is not able to take part in today's Assembly but she recorded a video with her greetings and statement that I invite you all to watch now.

Thank you very much for your attention.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

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President's statement

I would now like to say a few words as the President of the Assembly.

Your Excellency, Director-General, Ambassadors, ladies and gentlemen – it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the President of IDLO's Standing Committee this past year.

2019 was a significant year of achievement for the organization. Despite the growing challenges in operating environments around the world, IDLO continued its impressive efforts to deliver concrete results through its project work to further solidify the rule of law.

There is strong support for IDLO's work; we see that support in the increasing membership base, in new donors, and in IDLO's ever-increasing footprint around the world.

As the organization's program funds increase, IDLO has implemented new systems and new processes to increase its efficiency and capacity to carry out the programs that we all believe are critical to the welfare, safety, and rights of every person around the world.

During today's Assembly and Thematic Discussion, you will hear examples of IDLO's perseverance and flexibility to carry out programming in complicated environments to implement high-quality, critical projects to promote access to justice and to strengthen judicial institutions.

You will hear about the significant outcomes of IDLO's work.

You will also hear about the need to financially support this organization. We are all here today because we believe in making our governments more capable, and more accountable, to the citizens we serve. And that is what IDLO's programs are accomplishing.

Your political support is key to continue opening doors for IDLO's programs. I would like to thank all of the Member Parties who participate in the governance of the organization and who have agreements in place to grant IDLO the status it needs to operate effectively in your countries. I encourage the rest of you to partner with us in doing so as well.

Your financial support is just as important, as it determines the scope and impact of IDLO's work. We hope that all of you will strengthen your support of IDLO through financial contributions. IDLO's cautious approach to budgets, program flexibility and success, and commitment to transparency and efficiency should encourage all of you to do so.

Your support to IDLO is particularly key in 2020, as the organization bids farewell to Director-General Irene Khan after eight years of service. Hers are big shoes to fill, and Member Party support during the new DG's first year will assist the organization during this critical transition year.

On that note, on behalf of the United States, and as President of this Assembly, I would like to thank Director-General Khan for her leadership, vision, and commitment to the rule of law. Because of you, IDLO's visibility, footprint, and impact on the ground has grown tremendously, and more people around the world know their rights, claim their rights, and hold their institutions accountable because of your work. It has been a pleasure to partner with you, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

So once again, welcome all of you to the 2019 Assembly of Parties. We look forward to working closely with IDLO, and with all of you, in the coming year.

STATEMENT OF BURKINA FASO

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ASSEMBLEE DES PARTIES DE L'ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DE DROIT DU DEVELOPPEMENT (OIDD)

Déclaration De S. E. Mme Joséphine OUEDRAOGO,
Ambassadeur du Burkina Faso auprès du Quirinal

13 novembre 2019

Monsieur le Président de l'Assemblée des Parties,

Madame la Directrice Générale,

Excellences mesdames et messieurs les délégués,

Permettez-moi d'exprimer tout d'abord mes vives félicitations à Madame Irene KHAN, Directrice générale en fin de mandat. L'immense travail qu'elle a abattu constitue un héritage précieux qui pérennise l'avenir de l'OIDD.

Madame Khan,

La présentation de votre rapport me permet également de relever avec satisfaction des acquis majeurs en faveur de la promotion de l'état de droit et de la bonne gouvernance. Ces acquis obtenus grâce à votre leadership valent aujourd'hui à notre organisation commune la volonté d'adhérer de la part de nouveaux Etats que nous voudrions accueillir avec enthousiasme.

Mesdames, messieurs,

Je voudrais également saisir cette opportunité pour saluer l'initiative de l'OIDD de mettre en place des projets dans la région du Sahel, en général, et au Burkina Faso en particulier.

Ce soutien à la chaîne pénale des juridictions du Burkina Faso permettra d'améliorer les capacités des acteurs du monde judiciaire et une meilleure administration de la justice.

Je note avec satisfaction un point inscrit à l'ordre du jour de notre Assemblée, concernant l'examen d'une résolution sur les accords avec les pays hôtes. Je voudrais apporter mon soutien à cette résolution qui permettra à l'OIDD d'agir dans un cadre approprié et adapté.

Enfin, avec le Burkina Faso, des négociations pour la signature d'un Accord de siège sont avancées et pourraient aboutir rapidement.

Je vous remercie.

STATEMENT OF CHINA

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Thank you, Madame President.

China would like to take this opportunity to thank Madame Director-General Irene Khan for her excellent work over her 8-year term for IDLO. As a member party of IDLO, China has witnessed the expansion of its membership, more visibility of the organization, and the increasingly important impact of the work done by IDLO. China appreciates Madame Director-General's efforts to make all this happen.

In particular, China would like to highlight the efforts Madame Director-General and her team vested in enhancing the cooperation between China and IDLO. During the first Belt and Road Forum in 2017, Ministry of Commerce of China and IDLO signed a memorandum and agreed to take action to strengthen the professional exchange and legal project cooperation under the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative. As one of the new achievements under the agreement mentioned above, recently, with the efficient and effective support from the Secretariat under Madame Khan's leadership, we are happy to see that both sides entered into another agreement regarding sending China-funded JPOs to IDLO. And the candidate selection is under good progress. We thank Madame Khan and her team for all they have done.

Although China feels reluctant to have Madame Khan leaving, it will continue to support IDLO and its new DG, explore new opportunities to work closely with the organization and other member parties. Meanwhile, Chinese legal professionals also look forward to sharing their professional experience and expertise and contributing to the international rule of law and development.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF ECUADOR

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Debate General

Tomó la palabra la delegación del Ecuador, y felicitó a la Directora General de IDLO, Irene Khan, por el trabajo realizado, destacando que se trata de la primera directora mujer de IDLO. Se resaltó la fructífera labor que desde enero de 2012 ha venido realizando la Directora Khan, en favor de los países miembros de las diferentes regiones, incluida la América Latina, donde la IDLO ha expandido su presencia y participación, y en donde se ha proyectado un incremento del 10% de los programas para el 2020.

Se señaló que para el Ecuador ha sido un honor brindar su colaboración y apoyo, en su calidad de miembro del Comité Permanente del IDLO. Destacó que el Ecuador considera al IDLO como un organismo de crucial importancia, por su misión de promover el Estado de Derecho, en los países donde la democracia se ve amenazada, motivo por el cual, señaló, la Fiscal General del Ecuador aceptó la invitación a participar en la Asamblea de las Partes como Jefe de Delegación. Explicó que lamentablemente, debido a ineludibles compromisos en su lucha contra la corrupción, no pudo estar presente. Expresó que el Ecuador tiene especial interés en los programas para el fortalecimiento de la paz y la democracia, principalmente en materia de lucha contra la corrupción, la transparencia y responsabilidad social, así como en el fortalecimiento de las instituciones, mediante acciones de asistencia técnica a la Fiscal, la Contraloría y la Corte Constitucional en el 2020.

STATEMENT OF LIBERIA

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**STATEMENT DELIVERED BY HON N. YABA FREEMAN-THOMPSON, ASSISTANT
MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS-MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IDLO
ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES HELD AT THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION—
WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2019**

Madam Vice Minister of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Madam Director General

Distinguished delegates

I bring you warm greetings and best wishes from His Excellency, Dr George Manneh Weah, President of the Republic of Liberia, the Government and people of the Republic of Liberia on the auspicious occasion marking the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Assembly of Parties in Rome. Allow me therefore to thank the Government and people of the Republic of Italy for the warm hospitality and kind gesture for hosting us.

Madam Director-General, I am honoured to be afforded this opportunity to express our profound gratitude as one of the newest member parties of the IDLO on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Liberia. This gratitude is founded on the strides that the Country has achieved courtesy of the IDLO in albeit a short period of existence in the Republic of Liberia. The Republic of Liberia became an IDLO member party on the 7th of May of the current year, which connotes a formal existence of the IDLO in Liberia to be a little over 8 months. Yet in this short period, the gains that have been recorded are of significant note.

Prior to this formalisation, the IDLO initiated programs in Liberia in 2015 and opened an office in Monrovia in 2016. These initiatives culminated in the signing of the Host Country Agreement in the same year. The accession of Liberia to the IDLO was in fulfilment of its commitment to advance the rule of law, especially for the most vulnerable in Liberia. The Republic of Liberia remains and intent to strengthen institutions as it continues on its path to sustainable development and the realization of SDG 16 and Agenda 2030.

I wish to also note with satisfaction that the Government of the Republic of Liberia appreciates the foundation being positioned by the IDLO in support of the Rule of Law in Liberia. In particular, the sharp focus on women and children who are mostly vulnerable to Gender-based violence and the trafficking of persons.

The IDLO has increased access to justice for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, combating trafficking in persons, and institutional capacity building;

Under this intervention, the following has been achieved:

In close collaboration with the judiciary, the Ministry of justice, the Liberia National Police, the Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes Unit was established; which aims to strengthen Justice Institutions to Improve Access to Justice for Women and survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence;

The IDLO worked with the judiciary to increase the accountability of “Criminal Court E” the special court established in 2008 to deal exclusively with sexual crimes in conflict.

The establishment of the National Anti-Human Trafficking Taskforce, which aims to strengthen the capacity of the Police and Other Law Enforcement Agencies to Effectively Respond to Trafficking Persons

IDLO also facilitated the drafting of the National Action Plan against Trafficking in Persons 2019-2023.

Through these interventions the IDLO has both enhanced and streamlined the work of the Liberian Government’s efforts in the above areas. An example of this is that it has reconvened and supported the coordination of government ministries, agencies, the international community in Liberia and local CSOs in strengthening the anti-human-trafficking response in Liberia by the National Anti-Human Trafficking Taskforce. We appreciate greatly the aim by the IDLO to effectively align itself with existing efforts and scaling them up and achieving a much greater impact. They truly are a strategic partner in achieving our goals.

In fact, IDLO’s work in Liberia is highly complementary to Liberia’s development agenda as stipulated in Pillar (3) Three of Liberia’s Pro-Poor Agenda for Prosperity and Development (PAPD). Through this Agenda the Government focuses on the Rule of Law, ensuring access to justice for all, especially the most vulnerable, i.e. women; and strengthening the capacity of the judiciary. These are clear priorities of IDLO in Liberia and they have been absolutely instrumental in the Liberian Government achieving success in this area.

Therefore on behalf of the Liberian Government may I extend our sincere most appreciation to the IDLO for their presence in the Republic of Liberia. As I have tried to repeatedly allude to, your presence as an organisation is indeed felt. We trust that as a country we can continue to give you reasons to maintain the momentum with which you have begun in the country. I can assure that the Government of Liberia remains committed to supporting you to the best of its abilities. The Government of the Republic of Liberia takes this opportunity to assure you of its commitment to the advancement of the Rule of Law and welcomes all assistance it can get toward the attainment of this goal. We trust that we will continue to enjoy fruitful relations with the IDLO and once more we thank you very much and wish us all very fruitful deliberations.

I THANK YOU!

STATEMENT OF MONGOLIA

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STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. JAMBALDORJ TSERENDORJ AT THE THEMATIC
DISCUSSION AT ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW
ORGANIZATION

(13 November 2019)

Thank you Chair for the floor. Government of Mongolia have been actively engaging and developing remarkable collaboration with International Development Law Organization since its membership in 2015. Ever since, we have successfully organized number of activities, seminars in scope of strengthening rule of law and justice sector.

Currently, IDLO is helping Mongolia to address Gender-Based Violence in complex multi-stakeholder programming supported by the United States and Canada. IDLO has worked to coordinate a comprehensive justice sector response to domestic violence through victim-centered programming towards eradicating domestic and gender-based violence by improving response along the justice-chain and strengthening capacity of civil society.

To address challenges caused by Mongolia's growing economy, IDLO has worked since 2012 to improve economic legal environment in Mongolia. Together with European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IDLO has worked on different aspects of commercial justice, including judicial training in mining, intellectual property, insolvency, insurance and corporate law. IDLO has also facilitated training of bailiffs and the creation of a commercial mediation center. Some 1500 officers already participated such events so far. This makes great contribution and impetus to improving capacity of law enforcement personnel of relevant authorities of Mongolia. IDLO is currently working to protect Mongolian consumers by advising legislative amendments to Advertisement law.

In the context of this work, IDLO and the Government of Italy are organizing and hosting an upcoming delegation this December from the Authority on Fair Competition and Consumer Protection (AFCCP) to learn from European standards for competition, advertisement and consumer protection.

In regards with reinforcing presence of IDLO as a recognized intergovernmental organization in Mongolia, Government of Mongolia is in final phase of ratification of Host Country Agreement. Following the finalization of Host Country agreement, it will solidify IDLO's presence in Mongolia and give a full fledge to full function of the organization.

On behalf of Mongolian Government, I wish every success in future endeavours and today's Assembly of Parties. Thank you!

STATEMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE

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Address by His Excellency César Gouveia, Ambassador of the Republic of Mozambique to Italy, Permanent Representative to Rome Based United Nations Agencies

At Assembly of Parties of IDLO
Rome, 13 November 2019

Thank You, Mrs. President,

At outset I would like to express gratitude to you, Mrs. President for convening this important Assembly of IDLO. We are confident that under your leadership this Session will be successful and productive.

I would like to bring to the attention of all participants the importance of the Thematic item chosen for this Assembly: “Accelerating action to achieve the 2030 Agenda: Leveraging the rule of law to build peace and sustainable development”

By addressing this item, we should focus our discussion on finding ways to improve the access to justice to all including women, children and those at risk of being left behind.

Mrs. President,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Director General, Iren Khan, for the comprehensive report, which high lights the work and challenges faced by IDLO over the past months. The report presents a clear vision and perspective of IDLO contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030, particularly SDG16.

In the last twelve months, IDLO has grown its membership and extended its programs and activities in many geographical regions, including Africa, with innovative approaches aimed to promote positive developments of investments, empowerment of women and girls, access to justice and therefore assistance in the implementation of the SDGs.

Mrs. President,

This Annual Session marks the end of Dr. Irene Khan Directorship of IDLO. We would like to commend the outstanding leadership she showed during the period she was on the front of IDLO. Her dedication and hard work shape the image of IDLO as reference of a promote justice and the rule of law.

We wish her success in the future activities she will be involved.

I Thank You!

STATEMENT OF PAKISTAN

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IDLO Annual Assembly of Parties 2019
Statement by Pakistan for General Debate

Thank you Chair,

I would like to thank the Director General for a comprehensive report, highlighting the organization's performance, growth and objectives. I would like to express my deep appreciation to outgoing Director General, Irene Khan for her diligence, leadership and vision for taking IDLO to where it is today. Irene through her tireless work and dedication did miracles for the organization. I am convinced that her efforts and achievements will be always remembered.

Over the last four years, I have been closely associated with IDLO. Pakistan served a two year term on the Standing Committee and since last year it is a member of the Audit and Finance Committee. By virtue of this close interaction, I have myself seen the consistently increasing engagements of IDLO in different countries across continents and the expansion of its scope and areas of operation.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

IDLO's work for promotion of Law despite numerous challenges of funding is commendable. We need to work towards expanding its membership and the sources of funding to enable IDLO to attain its objectives across the globe.

Pakistan appreciates IDLO's plans of exploring new avenues. The organization's involvement in areas such as Commercial Law, anti-corruption, integration and protection of internally displaced people and refugees symbolizes its constantly growing horizon.

It is heartening to see the dedication with which the management and personnel of IDLO work towards the promotion of these objectives. The ever increasing membership is indicative of the recognition of the substantive and effective work of IDLO towards the promotion and protection of law.

I would also take this opportunity to welcome the new members this year to IDLO family. Increasing membership is a manifestation of how the world now views IDLO.

In conclusion, I would like to thank once again Irene Khan and her team for their hard work and dedication. I wish you well in your future endeavors Irene. Thank you for all you have done for IDLO.

I am positive that her successor would continue to guide IDLO with the same determination and steadfastness to continue her legacy. Pakistan would continue to work with IDLO towards the attainment of its goals and objectives.

Thank You.

STATEMENT OF QATAR

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His Excellency the Director General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO),

The Members of the Organization,

Peace be upon you,

We would like to thank the valued members of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) for their acceptance of Qatar as a member thereof, the governmental organization that has consultative status with the United Nations. We also value the role of the Organization in enabling States to reform and strengthen their legal institutions and legislative systems, and to reform and strengthen these institutions and such laws to achieve justice and dignity, strengthen the work of the courts and facilitate access to them, and the commitment thereof to the highest standards of the rule of law so as to be the foundation of all the work carried out by governments; no legitimacy for any action that does not conform to the law.

The State of Qatar's accession to the Organization came as an implementation of the high directives of His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, on the importance and necessity of achieving an effective justice, developing the legislative and legal system of countries to keep pace with the rapid developments witnessed by the world in all fields. The participation of the State of Qatar in the Organization as an observer member and the direct review of the Organization's activities were the ways and motive towards the aspiration of full membership.

The State of Qatar is keen to support the international system in all that would consolidate the principle of the sovereignty of law, achieve justice and provide an appropriate environment for security, peace and social justice. Qatar's keenness on this partnership included the second national development strategy for the State of Qatar 2018-2022 which is a new chapter concerned with international cooperation under the name of "Global Partnerships for Development", aiming to strengthen the role of Qatar at all regional and international levels, to raise the level of international partnerships and to increase the status of the State of Qatar regionally and internationally, and to contribute effectively to build regional and international peace and security.

In harmony with the constants and commitments of the State of Qatar, we seek and aim to achieve global partnership and solidarity in the activation of the role of international and regional organizations, and the State of Qatar will not give up its role that is witnessed by all countries.

We believe in the institutionalization of international work and the need to join efforts in pushing the just international issues and assisting governments and peoples in developing and modernizing their legal systems, whether on the institutional or legislative side, in particular the interest in the human rights fields. We are proud that the experience of the State of Qatar is pioneering in this area, where the State is working on achieving all development plans at all levels, especially the "Qatar National Vision 2030" which aims to transform Qatar into an advanced country that is capable of achieving sustainable development and to ensure the continuation of decent living for its people across generations with the belief that comprehensive development is the main objective to achieve progress and prosperity for citizens.

Thank you for listening...

And peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you...

Finally I would like to thank the director general of IDLO Irene Khan for her great Job done during her assignment and achievement, wishing her all the best and success on her life.

STATEMENT OF SENEGAL

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ASSEMBLEE DES PARTIES DE L'OIDD - SESSION 2019

Discussion thématique sur « Accélérer la réalisation du Programme 2030: Tirer parti de l'état de droit pour instaurer la paix et le développement durable »

Discours du Représentant du Sénégal

Excellence Monsieur le Ministre des affaires étrangères et de la coopération internationale d'Italie,

Monsieur le Représentant des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, Président de l'Assemblée,

Excellences Mesdames et Messieurs les Ambassadeurs,

Chers délégués, Mesdames et Messieurs,

Le programme 2030 est le symbole de la volonté commune de construire un monde où tous les êtres humains, en raison justement de leur humanité, jouissent d'une vie décente et réalisent leur plein potentiel.

Nous travaillons au quotidien à l'atteinte des différents objectifs déclinés dans cet agenda. Si la poursuite des ODD 1 et 2 (élimination de la pauvreté et de la faim) exerce une pression sur nous tous, l'atteinte de l'ODD 16 est essentielle pour réaliser ce vaste et ambitieux programme mondial.

Le lien entre la paix, la justice et le développement n'est plus à démontrer. L'impact des institutions politiques sur ces piliers reste également indéniable, qu'il soit positif ou nocif, selon les types d'institutions et leur animation.

C'est pour cela que nous sommes interpellés, en tant que dirigeants et décideurs, devant les lenteurs qui caractérisent nos sociétés dans leurs progrès vers la concrétisation de l'état de droit et la paix. Le monde avance à petits pas dans ce sens et il faut que nous accélérions la cadence pour permettre à nos sociétés d'atteindre l'idéal qu'elles poursuivent toutes sans exception, à savoir la paix et la prospérité.

Le Sénégal se tient debout aux côtés des Nations éprises de paix et de liberté, pour rappeler la noble mission d'instauration de la paix par la justice qu'il nous revient d'accomplir dans le cadre de l'agenda 2030.

En tant que représentant de la République du Sénégal, j'associe ma voix à celles de tous ceux qui se sont exprimés pour appuyer la vision et les initiatives de l'OIDD en faveur d'un monde plus juste et pacifique pour tous. En particulier, l'agenda politique mondial de l'Organisation nous paraît digne de soutien dans ses dimensions « justice pour les femmes et les filles » et « institutions judiciaires efficaces, accessibles et responsables ».

De ce point de vue, les objectifs d'action déclinés dans l'annexe 2 nous semblent très pertinents et leur atteinte capitale. Il est tout aussi capital d'élargir l'éventail des pays visés dans ces objectifs et nous espérons que la Direction continuera à nous faire des propositions dans ce sens et à déployer les programmes de l'Organisation dans les quatre coins du monde.

L'OIDD a engagé une réforme organisationnelle importante au cours de cette année, afin, entre autres, d'aligner ses pratiques en matière financière sur les Normes comptables internationales pour le secteur public (IPSAS). Cette réforme qui s'inscrit dans le cadre du cycle stratégique (2017-2020), devrait se poursuivre et nous la soutenons pleinement. Bien sûr, les membres doivent toujours en discuter pour s'accorder sur le contenu de la réforme proposée mais les initiatives majeures qui sont présentées dans le document de travail y afférent nous paraissent devoir et pouvoir améliorer les performances de l'Organisation quant elles seront mises en œuvre convenablement.

Je voudrais m'en limiter là en espérant que nos travaux au cours de cette session éclaireront nos décisions futures sur les chantiers de l'ODD 16 (Paix, Justice et Institutions efficaces).

Je vous remercie de votre aimable écoute.

STATEMENT OF SUDAN

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES 2019

13 NOVEMBER 2019

Statement of the Republic of the Sudan
Meeting of the Assembly of Parties
IDLO, Rome November 13, 2019

Chairperson,

Distinguished Delegates,

The delegation of the Sudan would like to update the members of this august Assembly on the important positive developments that have taken place in the country during the last few months, especially with regard to the improvement of the rule of law.

After the success of the glorious December-April Revolution, and as a result of the negotiations between the Transitional Military Council, that took over after ousting the former long-time president Bashir, and the Forces for Freedom and Change FFC an agreement on the Transitional Arrangements was signed on August 17, 2019.

In line with the agreement the Military Council was dissolved, an 11-member sovereign Council and a new civilian government were established, for a period of 39 months. On Wednesday August 21, 2019, Mr. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, took the oath of office as the Head of the Sovereign Council of the Republic of the Sudan. Later, on the day, the members of the Sovereign Council (six civilians, with a representation of two women, and five military) took the oath of office, before the Chairperson of the Sovereign Council. In the same evening, H. E. Mr. Abdallah Hamdok, chosen by the civilian FFC, swore in as Prime Minister of the Sudan.

On September 8, 2019, the new government, composed of 21 ministers, with a representation of 4 women, took the oath. HE Asma Mohamed Abdalla, was the first women in the history of the Sudan to be entrusted with the portfolio of the foreign office.

The process of empowering women continued to gain momentum more and more in all government levels. On October 13, Ms. Nimat Abdalla Mohamed Khair was appointed as the first women Chief Justice of the Sudan. Moreover, in the very near future a consultative and legislative assembly will be established with 40% of representation for women.

Prime Minister Hamdok, reiterated, in several occasions, including in his address to the UNGA last September and the European council of Foreign Ministers and the European parliament committee on Foreign Relations, a couple of days ago, that improvement of the rule of law, pursuing legal reforms, strengthening institutions are the most essential tasks to implement the most famous slogan of the revolution, Hurria, Salam waAddala, Freedom, Peace and Justice.

The judicial reforms are carried out to satisfy the aspiration of the Sudanese people to enjoy all their rights and freedoms, including freedom of expression, organization and assembly.

In the Prime Minister's words: the question of justice is not a matter of political gains. It is about addressing grievances, healing wounds, compensating the victims and the survivors during the last thirty years

Peace is of a high priority or importance for the transitional government. It is close to impossible to achieve the democratic transition or the economic progress and development without peace.

A Higher Council for Peace, was established to look after the peace talks that are supposed to discuss the security arrangements, the economic and social development, the legislations and laws and the government and administration, in a process that involve all stakeholders and persons affected by the war and conflicts in all areas of the country. The judiciary is also empowered and encouraged to deal promptly with all incidents that have taken place during the months of the revolution.

At the level of cooperation with the international community the government of the Sudan signed, last September, an agreement with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to open a UN Human Rights Office in Khartoum and field offices in Darfur, Blue Nile, Southern Kordofan and East Sudan. This office will help provide much needed technical assistance to the government in the area of human rights, besides monitoring and reporting on human rights situation all over the Sudan.

STATEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS

MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES 2019

13 NOVEMBER 2019

First statement:

The Netherlands wants to thank the DG for her presentation, and also for her contribution to the growth of IDLO over the years of her tenure.

The Netherlands also welcomes all the countries who have recently joined IDLO: Liberia, Qatar and Uganda.

The year 2020 will be a time to further consolidate IDLO's growth in portfolios and programs. As The Netherlands, we have 12 programs with IDLO, including an extensive and ambitious criminal justice chain program in the Sahel. We note that for the first time, Africa will become IDLO's largest region of operations in 2020, and we welcome that, as well as the intention to expand into the MENA region. We also welcome IDLO's increased field orientation, including the fact that the Sahel program will be managed from the region.

At the same time, it will also be a crucial year for IDLO, with a new incoming DG and with a new multiyear strategic plan to draft. It will be a year of transition – and it is in all of our interests to ensure that this transition is as smooth and successful as possible.

IDLO has already undergone a number of critical reforms, but we believe further change management will be necessary.

IDLO is crucial to helping us achieve SDG 16.3, and the objectives of the Task Force on Justice.

From the perspective of The Netherlands, we would like to see IDLO increasingly focus its programs on people-centered justice, based on data and innovation. We welcome IDLO's focus on gender and consider those programs some of IDLO's finest.

We encourage a strong focus on monitoring, evaluation, and learning and a sharing of lessons learnt for the broader rule of law community. We welcome the steps that IDLO has made towards establishing its Program Results Frameworks.

We also encourage IDLO to take heed of the various lessons that have already been learned by the international community in terms of the effectiveness of institutional capacity building. While people-centered justice requires effective institutions, we hope that the emphasis will be on making institutions as responsive as possible to actual justice needs.

A main challenge for IDLO, and for the incoming DG, will be to continue to diversify IDLO's donor base, including the types of funding that IDLO needs to carry out its mandate. In this respect, we look forward to assisting IDLO in its outreach to the European Union.

STATEMENT OF TURKEY

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IDLO Assembly of Parties
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Statement by Turkey

Esteemed Director General,

Distinguished participants,

IDLO, as the only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law and sustainable development, has maintained an important growth in recent years. Its program portfolio has extended and diversified. The number of member states is increasing.

While playing an important role in legal and institutional capacity development, technical legal assistance and policy advocacy on rule of law and access to justice, IDLO is also significantly contributing to the efforts for achieving 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a particular focus on SDG 16 for peace, justice and strong institutions.

We attach importance to the programs carried out in various regions, which made positive changes in people's lives, such as women's participation in justice sector or access of disadvantaged groups to justice.

We would also like to thank Director-General Irene Khan for successfully leading the organization during her two terms and her valuable contributions to the organization. We believe that the new Director General and the Committees to be formed today will continue to advance IDLO's achievements further.

Turkey has emphasized its commitment to contribute to a sustainable world since the adoption of Agenda 2030. While taking necessary steps at national level, Turkey continues to contribute to the international efforts for realization of our common development goals.

Turkey as a member of Standing Committee and a candidate for the Audit and Finance Committee, will continue to serve for the institution in cooperation with all distinguished member states.

Thank you.

STATEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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STATEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES AT THE GENERAL DEBATE

The United States would like to recognize Director-General Khan's visionary leadership and extraordinary commitment to the rule of law during her tenure at the helm of IDLO. We thank her for her work as her term comes to an end.

DG Khan, in your eight years, you have taken a small niche organization, grown it fourfold, and ensured IDLO has a seat at the international policy table.

Strong donor confidence, increasing membership, and the organization's expanding footprint are all a testament to the excellent results IDLO delivers on the ground, results that you have helped ensure meet the highest standards, often in difficult and challenging environments.

You also oversaw significant governance, management, and financial reforms that were a key priority for IDLO's major donors.

As this last report of yours to the Assembly of Parties demonstrates, you are finishing out your last quarter just as strongly as your first, with new members, a revised headquarters agreement, and additional programs in the pipeline. Thank you for your excellent stewardship of this organization.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome IDLO's three newest members, Qatar, Liberia, and Uganda, and are pleased to see Niger's request to join as well.

The rule of law is facing significant challenges around the world, and organizations like IDLO are doing critical work on the ground to ensure access to justice for all.

We would encourage all countries gathered here today to support this organization politically, by joining as a member or as a participant in the governance bodies, and financially.

As we close out 2019, let us commit to being even stronger partners with IDLO in 2020. Together, we can further the rule of law, and with it, build peace and sustainable development.