

STATEMENT

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Merci Monsieur le President,

Let me begin by re-iterating – as I have done on previous occasions – how much my organization appreciates the annual opportunity provided by this agenda item to share with the General Assembly through this Committee highlights of IDLO's work and its

the process of making socio-economic progress sustainable, have marked an important turning point in the history of our organization. We have seen this acknowledgement as a recognition of the foresight of IDLO founders (we are observing this year the 30th Anniversary of IDLO's establishment as an inter-governmental organization) in setting

IDLO's unique mandate at the intersection of law and development. And we are drawing

on this fundamental acknowledgment to further articulate the place of IDLO in the international development system, and to deepen and give new impetus to our relations with the United Nations and to the purposes that these relations are to serve.

The focus on the pursuit on equality, equity and social justice in combatting poverty and sustaining growth and prosperity that characterizes much of what is new and promises to be transformational in the 2030 Agenda is also what characterizes the distinctive

In Mali, IDLO is pursuing an innovative approach that engages institutional actors (police,

judges, correction officers) as well as grassroots and community leaders to jointly identify and address concerns in the functioning of the criminal justice system and enhance public confidence in the system. Also in light of this experience, IDLO has been encouraged to develop, and is designing in close collaboration with UNODC, a multi-year program to strengthen criminal justice systems and improve access to justice across the Sahel region, thus contributing to address root causes of instability and violence in the region, in support of the peace building work of MINUSMA and the G5 Sahel Force.

Areas of growth

Many new programs as well as ongoing programs currently being expanded cut across the institution building and the legal empowerment Impact Goals of the plan. Program areas in which demand as well as donor support are definitely growing include anti-

based and informal justice (an important illustration being a project to reform and modernize the Alternative Resolution Dispute System in Somalia) and most notably

In the same context I referred in last year's statement to our new Investment Support Program for LDCs. The ISP/LDCs program was developed in cooperation with the Office

significant pledge of support from the European Union, and has been highlighted in the latest Secretary General's report on the implementation of the Program of Action for the