

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS DECISIONS
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
AND PARTNERSHIP FORUM
November 28 and 29, 2017**

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ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

The 2017 Assembly of Parties was held in the morning of November 28 and resumed in the morning of the following day.

1. Opening of the Assembly

Opening remarks were delivered by H.E. Mr. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on behalf of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Following the adoption of the agenda the President of the IDLO Assembly of Parties, Mr. Nawaf A. AlMahamel (Kuwait) delivered his opening statement.

2. Director-General's Report

The Director-General presented her report on the activities of the Organization during 2017, the first year of implementation of the 2020 Strategy.

A signing ceremony was held to mark the accession of Sweden and Mali to IDLO membership and the signature by Montenegro of the Agreement for the Establishment of IDLO.

3. General Debate

The following Member Parties intervened during the general debate: Italy, Egypt, USA, Netherlands, China, Peru, Sudan, Jordan, and Turkey. Ukraine also delivered a statement.

4. Governance Reform (AP/2017/4.1, AP/2017/4.2 and AP/2017/4.3)

Following interventions by Ecuador, Peru, Italy, Pakistan, OFID, Jordan and Egypt, the Assembly adopted by consensus resolution No. 1/2017 (AP/2017/4.2) on governance reform, approving the amendments proposed to IDLO's governance documents.

5. Management Plan and Budget for 2018 (AP/2017/3.1, AP/2017/3.2 and AP/2017/3.3)

Following the presentation by IDLO's Director-General of the 2018 Management Plan and Budget, and interventions by Pakistan, Italy, Peru, Philippines, Jordan and USA, the Assembly adopted by consensus resolution No. 2/2017 (AP/2017/3.3), on approval of the Management Plan and budget for 2018.

6. Reports of the Governing Bodies (AP/2017/5.1, AP/2017/5.2 and AP/2017/5.3)

Under this agenda item:

- The President of the IDLO Assembly of Parties presented the report of the Standing Committee (AP/2017/5.1);
- The Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee presented the report of the Audit and Finance Committee (AP/2017/5.2); and
- The Chair of the Board of Advisers presented the report of the Board of Advisers (AP/2017/5.3).

7. Elections (AP/2017/6.1, AP/2017/6.2, AP/2017/6.3 and AP/2017/6.4)

Elections were conducted in relation to the following positions:

- President and Vice-President of IDLO's Assembly of Parties for a three-year term.
- Three *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee for a two-year term.
- One member of the Audit and Finance Committee for a two-year term

The following nominations were communicated to the Assembly by the President:

- USA for the Presidency of the Assembly of Parties;
- Mozambique for the Vice-Presidency of the Assembly of Parties;
- Ecuador for *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee;
- Kuwait for *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee;
- Peru for *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee;
- Sudan for *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee; and
- Egypt for *ad hoc* member of the Audit and Finance Committee.

The following candidates were elected:

- By consensus, the USA was elected as President and Mozambique as Vice-President of IDLO's Assembly of Parties for three-year terms;
- An election was conducted by secret ballot as a result of which Kuwait, Ecuador and Peru were elected as *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee for two-year terms;
- Egypt was re-elected by consensus as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee for a two-year term.

The outcome of these elections were recorded in resolutions No. 3/2017 (President and Vice-President), No. 4/2017 (members of the Standing Committee), and No. 5/2017 (member of the Audit and Finance Committee) (annexes 3, 4, 5).

PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Within the framework of the Assembly of Parties, the Partnership Forum was held on the afternoon of November 28 and was concluded on the morning of the following day.

The Partnership Forum was opened on November 28 with a keynote address by Fabrizio Hochschild, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General.

Two sessions of the Partnership Forum were held in the afternoon of November 28 on “Building Effective and Accountable Institutions to Sustain Peace” and “Partnerships for Inclusive Economic Growth”. A final session of the Partnership Forum on “Can there be Peace and Prosperity without Gender Equality?” was held on November 29.

The proceedings of the Partnership Forum on November 29 were opened by a special address of H.E. Xanana Gusmao, former President of Timor Leste, and a message from the Italian Minister of Justice, Andrea Orlando, followed by a keynote address by H.E. Néziha Labidi, Minister of Women, Family and Children Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia.

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