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Madam President of the Assembly,  
Mr. President of the International Criminal Court,  
Mr. Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court,  
Mr. Registrar,  
Honourable Ministers,  
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Esteemed Representatives of Civil Society;

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) welcomes this opportunity to address the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute on its twentieth session.

IDLO is the only global intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law as an enabler of peace, sustainable development, and human rights. IDLO's mandate is pivotally relevant in a world that is witnessing an increase in violence and armed conflict, large scale humanitarian crises, growing authoritarianism, rising inequalities, intolerance, and social tensions; all on the back of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

IDLO, in line with its Strategic Plan 2021 – 2024, anchored in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, is committed to building more just and peaceful societies by supporting the development of more effective justice systems, laws and institutions. IDLO's work aligns with the vision of the UN Secretary-General who, in Our Common Agenda, which spans the next 25 years of global cooperation, calls for the renewal of the social contract between governments and people and renews the call for states to abide by international law to ensure justice.

Through its work, IDLO supports justice institutions, particularly in countries experiencing or emerging from conflict and fragility. IDLO's work in this area spans the entire criminal justice chain to promote accountability and build capacity in investigation, prosecution, adjudication, and post-trial responses. This helps build the strength and resilience of these institutions to support national level accountability mechanisms for both day-to-day justice as well as the type of transitional justice required in the context of international crimes. IDLO's work to strengthen justice systems covers

four continents, with examples in Ukraine, Philippines, Somalia, and Mali, amongst others. In working with governments, justice institutions, civil society, and informal systems, IDLO puts people and their human rights at the center of justice systems.

In its 2020/21 Annual Report, the International Criminal Court speaks of its continued efforts to enhance cooperation with national, regional, and international judicial and law enforcement networks to assist with national proceedings, where appropriate, in accordance with the principle of complementarity. IDLO also works to support such judicial and law enforcement networks and welcomes future collaboration with its partners in the international community to further strengthen the capacity of criminal justice institutions.