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STATEMENT by the  
INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL ORGANIZATION

SPEAKER

Mr. GIULIO MURANO

HEAD EXTERNAL RELATIONS UNIT

Thank you, Mr. President, for the possibility given us to present our short statement to this important and qualified meeting. We hope strongly that we can arrive at mature conclusions with respect to the answers expected by developing countries in the field of technical cooperation.

The International Juridical Organization is a non-profit, non-governmental Organization for legal research and study, approved by the United Nations as an international institution by virtue of its aims and purposes in the field of international social and economic development.

It was founded in Rome in 1964 following a report made by a group of jurists of different countries - experts in international law belonging to different legal systems - to the Conference of Resident Representatives of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board, held in Addis Ababa in 1963.

The original purpose originated in the observance of the great gap existing between developing and industrialized countries, not only from the economic and technological points of view, but also as regards legal matters. At independence many developing countries changed their political, and therefore also legal, structure, while at the same time obtaining technical assistance from industrialized countries. The legal situation was therefore often uncertain. As a result, the need for adequate studies in legal matters was recognized, particularly considering the great speed of development and the dynamic changes in the social and economic spheres.

In the historical situation described above, the need for legal assistance was recognized by the IJO, which formed committees of experts to participate in the economic and technical feasibility studies and finalized projects of the bilateral and multilateral programmes of both industrialized countries and international organizations. This necessity is without doubt still today an important aspect of the programme of the IJO.

The IJO is open to jurists of both industrialized and developing countries, as well as to experts in political science, to economists and to sociologists, in conformity with the principles of an interdisciplinary approach, aiming at the harmonization of the legal framework with local experience,

in order :

- to promote the study of the various legal aspects of transnational problems;
- to accelerate the evolution of international law and related areas of national legislation to facilitate international cooperation; and
- to contribute to the elaboration of the legal groundwork for social and economic development.

Thus, not transfer of culture and law, but the creation of a new law based on local traditions and customs.

Technical and economic projects related to development must of necessity be connected with a legal intervention, which is of a both delicate and challenging nature, in order to evaluate their impact on local society, complementing thereby the technical assistance with preliminary legal research and assistance.

From this is derived the characteristic emphasis of the IJO upon the study of legal matters and upon consultancies, in order to facilitate the carrying out of projects by means of interdisciplinary and multilateral committees of experts, with the participation also of Government representatives.

In this framework the IJO is, in the industrial countries, already engaged in examining the new issues emerging from the recent development of new legal principles, taking into account post-industrial society which has created new areas of legal research (such as informatics law, energy law and law of the sea), for which the industrialized and the developing countries have to join to come to an agreement on the new legal implications, in the context of the cooperation for development, of East-West cooperation, of the North-South dialogue, and with particular regard to human rights, especially the rights of women and children. Of particular impor-

tance is the availability recently manifested to the IJO by the ECA, in relation to a survey of social legislation in African countries.

The IJO, headquartered in Rome, has a permanent Secretariat which coordinates its activities, as well as operative departments covering various sectors.

The IJO has close cooperative relations with numerous organizations of the UN system (UNEP - esp. with reference to the Barcelona Convention, the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Caribbean Action Plan; FAO, ESCAP; the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe; UNIDO; UNCITRAL), as well as with other international organizations, both inter-governmental and non-governmental, in addition to bilateral relations with several countries and national research institutes.

The fundamental purpose of the IJO, for which already in 1964, in correspondence on this subject with the heads of UN bodies, Mr. Mario Guttieres, current President of the IJO, received significant consensus and support, is, therefore, that of intervening in relation to all the legal aspects of the great issues of our time, in order to facilitate and to harmonize social and economic development, as a modern legal structure and adequate laws facilitate cooperation between peoples.

Thank you.

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Roma, 22 May 1985  
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Dear Mr. Brown,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the I.J.O. representative to the fourth session of the High Level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries to be held at the United Nations Headquarters - New York, May 28 - 31, will be:

Mr. Giulio Murano  
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Your sincerely

Mario Guttieres  
President

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Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I have the pleasure to inform you that the fourth session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries will be held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from Tuesday, 28 May to Friday, 31 May 1985, with a further meeting on 4 or 5 June to approve its report. I attach a copy of the provisional agenda TCDC/4/L.1.

Your Organization is cordially invited to participate as an observer at this session, and I would be grateful if you would inform me of the names of your representative(s) at your earliest convenience if you wish to participate in this session of the High-level Committee.

I am also providing herewith information concerning the submission of NGO documentation.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. Arthur Brown".

G. Arthur Brown  
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