



**High-Level Consultation on the Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
Hosted by the governments of Brazil, Sierra Leone and Switzerland
Side Event at the High-level Political Forum 2017,
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Conference Room 7, UNHQ**

- TALKING POINTS -

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1. It is a pleasure to be here today and thank you to Brazil, Sierra Leone and Switzerland and to NYU's Center on International Cooperation for the invitation to participate.
2. The organization of this side event is timely because we are not officially reporting on SDG 16 at this Year's HLPF, so I am pleased to speak about some of the actions we have taken as a country to promote and implement Goal 16.
3. In this area, one of the best examples of concrete actions we have taken is the creation and work, with the leadership of the Ministry of the Interior, of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG), alongside the Public Prosecutor's Office (Or Attorney General's Office) on high-profile cases of corruption that has shown great success.
4. This is due in part to the joint work between the UN and the Guatemalan authorities that has resonated and emboldened the general population and has represented a strong push to reject corruption and demand more accountability and transparency for public institutions.
5. Entrenched corruption has had a harmful impact on the social development as well as in the political and economic areas. CICIG is a mechanism that has provided the justice sector with stronger capacities to move towards a sustainable justice administration.
6. This joint effort between the United Nations and the Government of Guatemala would not have been possible without the political support and financial contributions of donors and the international community. Conscious that CICIG cannot remain indefinitely in the country, we hope that the different institutions related to the justice sector in Guatemala will be strengthened enough to fulfill their mandates as part of a sovereign and democratic nation.
7. Looking beyond this target of Goal 16, we also attach great importance to others within the same Goal, such as providing legal identity for all, including birth registration, because legal certainty is, in my view, a cornerstone of development and social justice. Without legal identity, children cannot access health and education services, adults cannot participate in political life and are forced to work in informal markets.
8. We also agree with the Roadmap that SDG 16 cannot be observed in isolation, it must be part of an indispensable equation that enables development in a framework of rights protection that complement the actions of countries to ensure sustainable development. In Guatemala it is



indispensable that the Judicial Branch work in a coordinated manner with the Executive, through the Ministry of the Interior.

9. Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to the *Pathfinders* group and congratulate them on achieving the Road Map that will undoubtedly contribute greatly to the analysis, development, coordination and to produce actions that facilitate and improve the implementation of SDG 16 in all our countries.
10. We are excited to be able to work with the group for the next two years before the formal review of SDG 16 in 2019. We look forward to contributing even more experiences and learning from others as well.
11. Thank you.