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Excellencies,

Dear colleagues,

Thanks to Brazil, Sierra Leone and Switzerland for their leadership on SDG 16. The Roadmap for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies is precisely the type of project we need to see in order to move Agenda 2030 forward. We congratulate its authors and hope to see more initiatives of this kind.

SDG 16 is at the very top of our engagement on the 2030 Agenda. This was the case already during negotiating process. And it is so now in the implementation phase. Good governance, access to justice, the rule of law are key priorities in our work at the UN. The concept of SDG 16+ , as we call it in the roadmap, unites these priorities. In order to implement it as a whole, we need specific actions with regards to the specific targets. We believe that the Roadmap does an excellent job in inspiring such actions.

Liechtenstein has contributed to the Roadmap with a concrete example from our national experience on catalytic action 9 of the roadmap – respect all human rights and promote gender equality. The project from Liechtenstein, “Liechtenstein Languages”, focuses on the inclusion of migrants and refugees. “Liechtenstein Languages” is a non-profit language course project designed to train language trainers and to teach German or other languages to migrants and refugees. The courses are gender inclusive and they support migrants to integrate as soon as possible within the local society. It employs a special learning method enabling students to learn a second language like they have learned their first language. Participants are able to communicate on a basic level already after only 4 weeks. Within a two-week-seminar, teachers or social workers without any educational background learn how to

teach a language course. New trainers may pass on their knowledge to others within their organization. So far, more than 150 trainers have been trained and more than 3'000 migrants have been introduced into the German language. It is also worth mentioning that the German City of Altena, which is implementing the LieLanguages project, has received an integration prize from Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel. I am also happy to report that the project is planning to expand its engagement to the English-speaking world.

To conclude, let me assure you of our continued support to the Pathfinders project. We look forward to working with you!

Thank you.