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Subject: Submission: Suggestions for the Forum on HR, Democracy, and the Rule of Law

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following up on the invitation to submit proposals for topics that should be discussed during the upcoming Forum in November

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x0X9WuhXqOGGpgCeHzx6v9mvxdXln00o/view>), we would like to propose two concerning access to justice in criminal matters and one on civil justice in the light of the Agenda 2030 and Goal 16 in particular:

1. Ensuring Procedural Rights of Suspects at Police Custody Stage (the session potentially can discuss available best practices, recent developments, as well as challenges and opportunities in numerous jurisdictions across the globe);
2. SDG16: Types of Data Needed for Effective Assessment of Access to Justice and Pre-trial Detention Practices (the session can potentially discuss why it is important for the governments to prioritize implementation and monitoring of Goal 16 and of the indicator 16.3.2. in particular, what types of data should be collected and analyzed, role of collaboration between governments and civil society on the ground in this process, and, finally, how this Goal is intertwined with other Goals under the framework of the Agenda 2030);
3. Civil Justice: Measuring Populations' Legal Needs and Implementing Legal Empowerment to realize the SDG 16.3 for Equal Access to Justice for All (suggested based on the fact that the UN Statistical Commission at its 51st session in early March officially approved creation of the civil justice indicator 16.3.3).

If you would like us to elaborate on any of the above topics and/or would be interested in us contributing to the content of these sessions, if selected, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Kind Regards,

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