**Intersessional Seminar on the role of good governance in the promotion and protection of human rights and best practices for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 16 in this regard.**

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