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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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- *Dear Excellences, honorable guests,*
- *I am particularly pleased to participate in this session of the 2021 High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. This is a great opportunity for us to **illustrate the outcomes of the SDG16 Conference**, which was virtually hosted by Italy last April and organized in **partnership with DESA and IDLO**.*
- *The pandemic has vividly demonstrated **the importance of the three pillars of SDG 16 (justice, peace and inclusion)**, and their ability to accelerate action on the other Global Goals, including **SDGs 3, 5 and 10**.*
- *During the Rome conference, we identified **three main recommendations** in order to get back on track for building more peaceful, equal and inclusive societies.*
- *First, in order to **build resilience to shocks and crises**, we need to **accelerate action to sustain peacebuilding efforts and to promote people-centred justice systems and effective institutions**.*
- *Furthermore, we need to **implement policies and measures at the national level - to ensure equity in the delivery of public goods and services, and to develop anti-corruption***

frameworks by monitoring high-risk sectors such as tourism, health, transportation, and e-commerce.

- Finally, we agreed on the **third recommendation**: we need to rethink the principle of governance by placing **SDG16 at its centre**. Governance, institutional and policy innovations at local, national, regional and international levels can **accelerate the implementation of SDG 16** and promote integrated “whole of society” approaches. This is essential in order to **tackle complex challenges** such as increasing inequalities, social and economic insecurity, climate change and rapid technological disruption.
- Let me conclude by saying that a peaceful, just and inclusive recovery will be possible only **through transparent and accountable institutions that can guarantee the rule of law, good governance, human rights, gender equality and environmental sustainability**.
- A **continued exchange** among Member States, Independent Authorities, the Judiciary, Multilateral Partners, Civil Society and all the relevant actors is crucial to **build back better – leaving no one behind**.