

RESPONSE TO PROPOSED GOAL 16 PEACE / RULE OF LAW

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We welcome Goal 16 and call on member states to retain it as this will prove to be one of the transformative blocks for the post-2015 agenda. We also reiterate our call for a greater emphasis on foregrounding it in a “human rights approach” to ensure ‘no one is left behind’. We propose changing language of Goal 16 as follows: **Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, and responsive institutions**

Fostering peaceful and inclusive societies:

[Alternative 16.1: by 2030 reduce x% crime, violence and exploitation especially sexual violence against women, children, socially-excluded groups, minorities, youth, indigenous people and the elderly]

[Merge 16.2 with 16.1]

[New 16.2: by 2030 end all forms of organized crime including human trafficking and illicit trade in arms, drugs and wildlife]

[New 16.3 (earlier 16.4): by 2030 increase inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels, taking into consideration the interests of present and future generations]

[New 16.4 (earlier 16.5): by 2020 build necessary capacities of sub-national and local governments through democratic practices and mechanisms for fostering unity in diversity and peaceful and inclusive societies]

[Merge 16.6 with 16.5]

[New 16.5 (earlier 16.7): by 2020 provide information and education on a culture of non-violence in accessible formats]

[New 16.6 (earlier 16.8): strengthen mechanisms for formal and non-formal dispute resolution at all levels]

[New 16.7: by 20XX, visible improvement in the human development index in the areas affected by internal conflict in areas of education; health, employment, industry, telecommunications, transport, economic growth¹]

[New 16.8 (earlier 16.9: by 20xx accept and recognise internally displaced persons, refugees and minorities, including linguistic, ethnic, religious and sexual, in all countries as citizens with equal rights²]

¹ <http://www.wadanatodo.net/documents/outputs/mdgs/6%20Peace.pdf>

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[New 16.9 (earlier 16.10): by 20xx enhance the capacity, professionalism and accountability of the security forces, police and judiciary by acknowledging role of vulnerability in building a ‘just’ and peaceful society]

Rule of law and responsive institutions:

[New 16.10 (earlier 16.11): develop responsive, accountable and transparent public institutions at all levels including Public Private Partnership initiatives]

[New 16.11 (earlier 16.12): by 2030 provide equal access to and confidence in independent and responsive justice systems for all people of all ages including related to property and tenure rights, employment, business, taxation, trade and finance]

[New 16.12 / retain previous document version target d: by 2020 provide public services for all, including legal identity]

[New 16.13 (earlier 16.14): by 2020 improve public access to information and government data, including on public finance management, public procurement and on the implementation of national development plans in accessible format]

[New 16.14 (earlier 16.15): by 2030 ensure that all laws are publicized and accessible by all]

[New 16.15 (earlier 16.16): by 2030 establish and implement effective regimes to decrease and provide accountability for corruption and bribery in all its forms and at all levels]

[New 16.16 (earlier 16.17): promote freedom of media, association and speech]

[New 16.17: by 2030 eliminate illicit financial flows, money laundering, tax evasion, transfer mispricing by x% and recover y% of illicit financial flows]

[New 16.18: ensure by 20XX increased openness of state-business transactions to public scrutiny, including in the extractive resource sector]

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