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**PATHFINDERS: STAND UP FOR SDG16+**

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Excellencies,

Liechtenstein is honored to be a pathfinder. We share the sense of urgency and the enthusiasm around this joint effort to implement SDG16 in the comprehensive way that we refer to when we talk about „SDG16+“. We continue to see this as a top priority within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and as a contribution to implementing our overall foreign policy commitment to strengthen the rule of law, good governance and accountable institutions.

Since we last met, Liechtenstein has continued pursuing its initiative called “Liechtenstein Languages” to integrate migrants and refugees through a specially designed language course that enables students to communicate in a foreign language on a basic level after only four weeks. Since last year the number of trainers has doubled to 300 and the number of migrants and refugees who have been introduced to the German language has more than tripled and now stands at 10’000.

In addition, I would like to present another Liechtenstein initiative to help achieve SDG16+. This Monday, our Foreign Minister, together with the Foreign Minister of Australia and Prof. Muhammad Yunus, has launched the “Liechtenstein Initiative for a Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking”. The Commission brings together financial sector experts and regulators, in particular Financial Intelligence Units, the private sector and civil society. It will produce a set of

measures to strengthen the role of financial institutions in tackling the financing of modern slavery and human trafficking. The Liechtenstein Initiative wants to make a concrete contribution to implement SDG target 16.2 (in addition to 5.2 and 8.7) and to end these horrendous crimes with over 40 million victims worldwide. We trust the platform we share as pathfinders will help spread the knowledge gained in the course of the next two years.

I thank you.