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Mr. Chair,

Sustainable economic and social development requires strong and transparent public institutions. They are indispensable to build resilience in all dimensions, in particular by creating an appropriate legal framework, and the right business environment in order to attract private capital to finance investments and development needs. Effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels are also essential to prevent conflicts.

Poland remains committed to the progress on SDG16 internally, and in our development cooperation with partner countries. In our bilateral cooperation we continue our support for the implementation of key reforms and increasing the operational capacity of crisis response services. Building resilience of partner countries is also a priority theme in development agenda of the Polish Presidency in the European Union.

Poland is deeply concerned about the lack of progress in achieving SDG16 globally. The main threats are ongoing conflicts, organized crime, corruption, and backsliding in human rights. Therefore, decisive and consolidated efforts in this area should be a priority for the international community. All States must continue to implement comprehensive strategies to combat all forms of violence, in particular gender-based violence, and exploitation, including human trafficking. At the same time we cannot forget about strengthening rule of law, combating corruption, and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thank you.