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Location: North Macedonia

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: We are committed to the enjoyment of the right to a fair trial by an independent judiciary. To that end, we redouble efforts in empowering people to claim their rights or report human rights violations and increase the free legal aid requests by 30% by 2027. We will continue to cooperate with the central and local government, bar association, civil society organizations and other stakeholders in ensuring access to justice to the most vulnerable and people in need. By raising awareness and knowledge about the universality and indivisibility of all human rights, we aim to increase the number of people to exercise and protect their rights.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027