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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## **Report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Gabriela Knaul**

### **Corrigendum**

Paragraph 26 *should read*

26. Existing human rights treaties do not provide any definition of legal aid. The only internationally agreed definition is that contained in the United Nations Principles and Guidelines on Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems, which construes the term “legal aid” as including “legal advice, assistance and representation for persons detained, arrested or imprisoned, suspected or accused of, or charged with a criminal offence and for victims and witnesses in the criminal justice process that is provided at no cost for those without sufficient means or when the interests of justice so require. Furthermore, “legal aid” is intended to include the concepts of legal education, access to legal information and other services provided for persons through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and restorative justice processes.”<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid., para. 8.