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Subject: "Equal Access to Justice for All: A Necessary Element of Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights"

Dear Sir, Madam,

I hope this email finds you well.

Please find below the topic proposal for the upcoming Forum on "Equal Access to Justice for All: A Necessary Element of Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights."

Ensuring Equal Access to Justice for Victims of the Most Egregious Crimes

The panel could consider the issue that the victims of such crimes like genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes do not enjoy equal access to justice. The speakers could discuss the steps taken in the two recent cases of genocide, to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators for their involvement in the genocides.

In the case of the Daesh genocide, the speakers could discuss the UK's initiated UN Security Council Resolution 2379 establishing the investigative team to collect, preserve and prepare the evidence of the Daesh atrocities in Iraq and the few domestic prosecutions of Daesh fighters (whether in Iraq or other countries), however, lack of international mechanisms to prosecute the perpetrators.

In the case of the genocide against the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, the speakers could discuss the work of the UN Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar collecting the evidence of the atrocities, and the investigations and proceedings before the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice.

The panel could explore how to ensure effective prosecutions of the perpetrators with the existing mechanisms and what needs to change to ensure that victims of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes have equal access to justice.

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