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..... The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations (Vienna) and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 2016/17, entitled “Restorative Justice in Criminal Matters”, adopted on 26 July 2016, a copy of which is attached for ease of reference.

In operative paragraph 1, the Secretary-General is requested to seek comments from Member States and other relevant stakeholders with experience in restorative justice processes, on the use and application of the Basic Principles on the Use of Restorative Justice Programmes in Criminal Matters (ECOSOC Res. 2002/12), and on national experiences and best practices in using and applying restorative justice processes. Furthermore, in operative paragraph 8, the Secretary-General is requested to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on the efforts made in the implementation of the Resolution.

The Government is consequently cordially invited to submit comments and data on restorative justice, such as any strategy or action plan it may have adopted, an overview or activity report, or any other materials on the use and application of the abovementioned principles and national experiences it deems relevant, to the Justice Section, Division for Operations, UNODC, by 15 December 2016.

In operative paragraph 2, the Secretary-General is also requested to convene a meeting of restorative justice experts, in collaboration with Member States and relevant other stakeholders, subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources. The purpose of this meeting would be to review the application of the aforementioned Basic Principles, as well as new developments and innovative approaches.

In this regard, the Secretary-General wishes to invite Member States to give due consideration to making available extrabudgetary funding for the convening of such a meeting.

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