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Excellencies,

We would like to inform you that Estonia, Georgia and the Republic of Korea, together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), are organizing the High Level Event on the margins of the 71st UN General Assembly on “**Effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: E-governance, Transparency and Public Services**”. The event will take place on Monday, 19 September 2016, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Conference Room 5, UN Headquarters, New York.

Effective, accountable, inclusive and transparent institutions are playing a critical role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This event will feature and showcase good practices and achievements made by Governments in the areas of reforming public administration, including through the implementation of e-governance and efficient public service delivery, and highlight the positive results of effective and coherent work between national Governments and the United Nations system (concept note of the Event is herewith enclosed). The High Level speakers of the event include H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of Estonia, H.E. Mr. Giorgi Kvirikashvili, Prime Minister of Georgia, H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecommunications and Postal Services of the Kingdom of Belgium and H.E. Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

We sincerely hope that your Head of Delegation will be able to join the discussions on the role of effective, accountable and transparent institutions for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national levels and the best ways to share experience and good practices among Member States, with the UN system facilitating this exchange.

Please RSVP to geomission.un@mfa.gov.ge by **6 September 2016** to confirm your participation.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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Concept Note

Effective, accountable and inclusive institutions for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: E-governance, Transparency and Public Services

Joint High Event of Estonia, Georgia, the Republic of Korea and the UNDP

Monday, 19 September 2016 | 15.00 – 16.30

United Nations, New York

Background information

One year ago Governments across the globe adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a set of 17 integrated and indivisible Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The overall ambition is to turn poverty and inequality demands into actions, end poverty and hunger and to secure our planet for present and future generations. Achieving these aims will be hardly possible without sound institutions that work effectively and transparently.

The 2030 Agenda incorporates goals and targets related to core values of good governance and the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies. Goal 16 in particular serves as a key enabler and catalytic, committing Member States to the provision and development of effective, accountable and transparent public institutions. Indeed, most of the 169 SDG targets make direct reference to improve institutional capacities, putting the challenge on the need to build strong public administrations that can manage complex cross-sectoral development issues. The SDG 16 commits governments to strengthen public sector institutions to play a central role in achieving a people-focused approach to development.

Improvement of public service delivery, raising integrity in public sector, ensuring citizen participation, better management of public resources and creating safe environment are the basis of the efficient and operational governance. E-governance is one of the unique tools that can foster increasing the efficiency and transparency of the public sector and its service delivery.

Achieving universal goals requires unprecedented efforts from the international community and national ownership. International cooperation and involvement of relevant stakeholders will play an immense role in successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Sharing experience and good practices among Member States can become the cornerstone of this mutual endeavour. Alongside these efforts, it would be important that the UN system, including at the regional level, with its variety of technical expertise and access to many countries' experiences, continues to strongly support the efforts of its Member States in advancing this Agenda.

Main objectives

- To highlight the importance of effective, accountable, inclusive and transparent institutions for successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development and to elaborate on the importance of efficient public service delivery in this regard;

- To share good practices by showcasing the achievements made by the Governments in the areas of open governance and reforming the public administration, including through the implementation of e-governance, as a way to encourage other Governments to embark on similar journeys;
- To demonstrate how effective and coherent work between the UNDP and national Governments can yield positive results.

Guiding Questions

- What efforts are being made to translate universal targets into national priorities, and in particular related to SDG16? What lessons are being learned after the first year of implementation of the 2030 Agenda?
- What role do effective, accountable and transparent institutions have in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national levels?
- How can sharing the experience of Member States in strengthening national institutions, including through e-governance and transparent public services, contribute to the implementation of the Agenda 2030?
- What are the best ways to share good practices and how can the UN system facilitate this exchange?

Preliminary agenda

15:00 – 15:30 Welcome and Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President, Estonia

H. E. Mr. George Kvirikashvili, Prime Minister, Georgia

H.E. Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP

15:30 - 16:15 Country-level efforts, achievements and good practices in building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions

16:15 – 16:25 Questions & Answers

16:25 – 16:30 Closing remarks

Date and venue of the event

1. 15:00 – 16.30, Monday 19 September 2016
2. Venue: Conference Room 5, United Nations Headquarters.