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## Human Rights Council

### Forty-eighth session

13 September–1 October 2021

Agenda items 2 and 3

### Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

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

## Contribution of transitional justice to sustaining peace and the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 16

### Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 42/17 on human rights and transitional justice, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to examine in a report how addressing a legacy of gross violations and abuses of human rights and serious violations of international humanitarian law through transitional justice measures can contribute to sustaining peace and the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 16, and to present the report to the Council at its forty-sixth session. In its decision 45/113, the Council postponed the submission of the report to its forty-eighth session owing to the liquidity crisis affecting the United Nations Secretariat and the restrictions imposed due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.
2. In light of the ongoing financial constraints faced by the Organization, the High Commissioner is unable to submit the report within the deadline for the forty-eighth session. She aims to submit the report to the Council at its forty-ninth session.

