

*Intervention of OHCHR, agenda item 3 (k) on Governance, peace and security statistics, 6.3.2015:*

*Thank you chair. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights would like to welcome the report and proposal to create the Praia Group. Governance issues are critical to the implementation of the sustainable development goals, goal 16 as well as the other goals of the agenda, which are not less important. Good governance is essential to the realisation of civil, economic, political and social rights, for all without discrimination. Given the conceptual and definitional links of governance with human rights, and in particular internationally codified and adopted standards in this field, OHCHR is particularly interested in the work of the Praia Group. OHCHR is willing to take part and bring a human rights perspective in this work, building on its experience in developing and applying a framework for human rights indicators. I thank you.*