

The Permanent Missions of Austria, Liechtenstein and Mexico to the United Nations with the Rule of Law Unit on behalf of the UN Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group invite you to:

**Informal Briefing on the Rule of Law:
United Nations support to Member States on the implementation
of multilateral treaties at the national level**

Friday 30 September 2016 11.30 – 13.00

Conference Room 2

The General Assembly resolution 70/118 on the rule of law at the national and international levels *"Invites* the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group and the Rule of Law Unit to continue to interact with Member States in a regular, transparent and inclusive manner, in particular in informal briefings".

This informal briefing responds to this invitation and aims at providing Member States information on United Nations rule of law activities and coordination efforts. It also provides an opportunity for the Member States to interact with the Secretariat as well as with other partners.

On this occasion, the briefing will focus on one of the two subtopics selected for this year's General Assembly discussion on the rule of law, namely: the implementation of multilateral treaties at the national level. It will be provided by **Mr. Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Ms. Simone Monasebian, Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime, Mr. Charles Radcliffe, Chief of the Global Issues Section of the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Mr. Santiago Villalpando, Chief of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs.**

The briefing will provide information on the support provided by the United Nations to Member States in the implementation of multilateral treaties. In particular, it will address the following:

1. Overview of the implementation of multilateral treaties.
2. Support to Member States in the implementation of multilateral treaties in the area of human rights.
3. Support to Member States in the implementation of multilateral treaties in the area of organised crime, corruption, terrorism and drugs.

Member States are encouraged to actively participate in this briefing which is intended to be informal and interactive in nature. Unfortunately, due to the informal nature of the briefing, no translation will be provided.

The briefing is open to all. Given the focus of the briefing, in addition to legal advisers and rule of law experts, delegates working on human rights, and on counter-terrorism, corruption, organised crime and drugs, are particularly encouraged to participate.