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Dear Friends,

Today ICTJ President Juan Méndez addressed the United Nations Security Council in an open debate on the recently released Secretary-General's report on "The Rule of Law and Transitional Justice in Conflict and Post-conflict Societies."

For more information on today's Security Council debate, go to:
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=12145&Cr=rule&Cr1=law>

To download the Secretary-General's report, go to:
<http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/sgrep04.html>.

For a copy of Mr. Méndez's speech, go to www.ictj.org

In welcoming the UN's work in this area and calling on Security Council Member States and the international community to support these efforts, Mr. Méndez emphasized the importance of applying transitional justice approaches to conflict and post-conflict societies in strengthening the rule of law, respect for human rights, and democratic institutions.

Mr. Mendez' remarks are the culmination of an ongoing ICTJ engagement with the UN Security Council on justice and the rule of law. Earlier this year, the ICTJ was delighted to work with the Missions of the United Kingdom and Finland in co-sponsoring a seminar series allowing UN Member States, UN officials, and NGO representatives to think through specific transitional justice issues.

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Regards,

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