



IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON MEASURING PROGRESS OF **SDG 16+**

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Toby Mendel is the founder and Executive Director of the Centre for Law and Democracy, a Canadian-based international human rights NGO that provides legal and capacity building expertise regarding foundational rights for democracy, including the right to information, freedom of expression, the right to participate and the rights to assembly and association. Prior to that, he was for over 12 years Senior Director for Law at ARTICLE 19, an international human rights NGO focusing on freedom of expression and the right to information. He has collaborated extensively with inter-governmental actors working in these areas – including the World Bank, UNESCO, the UN and other international rapporteurs on freedom of expression, the OSCE and the Council of Europe – as well as numerous governments and NGOs in countries all over the world. His work spans a range of areas of legal work. This includes having drafted or participated in drafting numerous laws in countries all over the world, engaging in strategic litigation before senior national and international courts, providing training and other forms of capacity building, including to

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