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in charge of pardons and parole were directed to meet virtually and expedite the processing of applications for executive clemency.

Meanwhile, the courts and the justice department resorted to normalqtrials, video-conferencing, online hearings, and e-inquests to uphold the rule of law and to mitigate the challenges posed by the pandemic on access to justice. The Secretary Generals conclusion that technology bears the promise to transform the legal profession and to narrow the justice gapqresonates with us and may have been hastened by the pandemic.

review and implementation of the UNCAC, with participation by representatives from the public and private sectors.

In this regard, we fully support the special session of the General Assembly against corruption, to be held in 2021.

Thank you.