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**The World Justice Project Presents Data on Rule of Law in 66 countries**  
*Opening remarks provided by U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham*

The World Justice Project (WJP) will make public, for the first time, data behind the *WJP Rule of Law Index*<sup>®</sup> 2011 report published in June 2011. Data on 52 factors related to adherence to the rule of law—including absence of discrimination, freedom of expression, and effective civil justice—in 66 countries will be released. A presentation of the report and its findings will be held on November 30, 2011 in Washington, DC. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham will provide opening remarks.

The WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup> measures adherence to nine major factors on the rule of law, such as open government and fundamental rights, and the previously unreleased data comprises scores related to countries' adherence to 52 sub-factors encompassed within those nine broader categories. Lead supporters of the WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup> include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, LexisNexis, Microsoft Corporation, and the Neukom Family Foundation.

“The rule of law is the key to the promotion of political stability, economic opportunity, social progress and fundamental fairness and equity,” said World Justice Project founder William H Neukom. “Without the rule of law, economic growth is stifled, corrupt governments divert public resources needed for public works, and people suffer atrocities.”

Detailed country-by-country analysis of rule of law adherence can be found on page 25 of the report. Countries covered by the report include Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, and Vietnam. The Index plans to expand to 100 countries in 2012.

“Since its inception, the WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup> has stimulated government reform efforts in several countries. Its findings have been cited by heads of state and chief justices as supporting evidence of the need to advance rule of law reforms,” said WJP Interim Executive Director and Rule of Law Index Director Juan Carlos Botero.

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### **About The World Justice Project**

Founded in 2006, The World Justice Project (WJP), an independent, non-profit organization, has become an effective agent for advancing the rule of law for the development of communities of opportunity and equity worldwide. The WJP's multinational, multidisciplinary efforts stimulate government reforms, develop practical programs on the ground in support of the rule of law, and increase awareness about the concept and impact of the rule of law. The Project has three complementary programs: Scholarship, the Rule of Law Index, and Mainstreaming.

### **About the WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup>**

The WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup> is an innovative, quantitative assessment tool designed by The World Justice Project to annually measure countries' adherence to the rule of law and track changes across time. Scores are based on interviews of over 2000 legal experts and 66,000 regular people in 194 cities around the world. The Index aims to provide a picture of where countries stand with regard to 52 rule of law variables. Each country's findings are compared to the scores for other indexed countries, with a special focus on countries in the same region and income group. Lead supporters of the WJP Rule of Law Index<sup>®</sup> include the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, LexisNexis, Microsoft Corporation, and the Neukom Family Foundation. A statistical audit of the Index was conducted by the Econometrics Unit of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre.

The full report is available at [www.worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index).