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## FRENCH JUSTICE ANNOUNCES MANY STRUCTURAL REFORMS BY 2022

### TO MEET EXPECTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE

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In a state of law, nothing is possible without a strong justice. If it is slow, distant or inegalitarian, or even just too complex, trust is weakened. [...] From 2018 a five-year law for the programming of the means of justice will be presented to the Parliament. This law will allow the custody of the Seals to initiate a vast movement of dematerialization, simplification and reorganization. To have confidence in justice is to be able to use it simply and know that it will decide quickly, especially on the most serious offenses: fight against terrorism, serious crime, organized fraud, violence and especially those made to the most fragile. Sentences will be strengthened, while other incivilities may be subject to contraventions rather than more cumbersome procedures, but all too often without effect.-----

The construction of 15,000 prison places is a strong commitment of the President of the Republic, it will be held. Because not being able to incarcerate those who must be incarcerated is inadmissible. But also because we have to treat prisoners with dignity. This is essential not to turn prisons into an incubator of the violence of tomorrow, but it is essential for us because it is also our dignity that is at stake. We will therefore do what must be done without ever forgetting that prison is not an end in itself and that it is necessary to use all the sanctions provided by the penal code. The use of confinement should not be interpreted as a laziness of the mind which would refrain from thinking about the meaning of the sentence, the need to prevent recidivism, and the obligation to prepare for reintegration.

“ French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe stated about the reform of justice to be implemented soon.

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“The French are expecting a lot of justice. They want it to be effective and to protect them. The state of our jurisdictions and our prisons does not meet these expectations. Part of the answer will come from the refreshing of the means of justice in the framework of a law of programming whose draft budget law for 2018 is a first step. But these means must be accompanied by a deep transformation on two major topics: improving the day-to-day functioning of the justice system and the effectiveness of the sentences.

On these two subjects, the theoretical reflections were numerous. But the reforms, poorly adjusted or too late, did not achieve the expected objectives. The actors of justice are waiting for a real action plan.

This plan of action must favor a global approach to deal with all issues related to the transformation of justice. It must be developed in a timely manner so that the necessary reforms can be made quickly. At the same time, it is necessary to associate the actors on the ground with the different aspects of this transformation to make all their initiatives go up.” Declared Nicole Belloubet French Minister of Justice.

### AGENDA AND ROADMAP OF THE 2017-18 JUSTICE WORK SCHEDULE AND DIGITAL CONSULTATION-----

Here are the important dates to remember in the calendar of the yards of Justice for the months to come:

October 5 and 6, 2017: Launch of justice projects

January 15, 2018: Presentation of the conclusions of the various projects

1st semester 2018: Presentation of the project

2018 - 2022 justice programming law and criminal and civil simplification bills.

On the other hand a digital consultation will be organized in conjunction with the State Secretariat in charge of Digital to bring up the expectations and innovative initiatives of the various players in the world of justice. It will enable us to target the priorities to be attained and to register them within the framework of the law of programming in view of the means allotted to justice within the framework of the Big Investment Plan. The Minister of Justice Nicole Belloubet stressed on the importance of digital actions to be implemented in the French Justice system. Source : French Ministry fo Justice

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