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Reference:

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [Minister for Foreign Affairs of (...)] and has the honour to refer the Government to General Assembly resolution **65/230** entitled “**Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice**”, adopted on 21 December 2010, a copy of which is attached for ease of reference.

In operative paragraph 10 of that resolution, the General Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to establish, in line with paragraph 49 of the Salvador Declaration, an open-ended intergovernmental expert group, to be convened between the twentieth and twenty-first sessions of the Commission, to exchange information on best practices, as well as national legislation and existing international law, and on the revision of existing United Nations standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners so that they reflect recent advances in correctional science and best practices, with a view to making recommendations to the Commission on possible next steps.

The Government is cordially invited to participate in the intergovernmental expert group meeting, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 31 January to 2 February 2012. The provisional agenda of the meeting and an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements as well as background documents will be made available on the UNODC website at the following location in due course: [www.unodc.org/unodc/en/justice-and-prison-reform/expert-group-meetings.html](http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/justice-and-prison-reform/expert-group-meetings.html).

It would be appreciated if the Government would forward the name(s) of the expert(s) with full contact details, including facsimile, telephone number and individual e-mail address, as soon as possible, **but not later than 16 January 2012**, to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, fax: +43-1 26060 75017; tel.: +43-1 26060 5017, e-mail: [justice@unodc.org](mailto:justice@unodc.org)

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