

Omnibus Survey Software to gather information on the implementation of UNCAC, UNTOC and its Protocols

Expert Group Meeting, Vienna, Austria, 23-24 February 2009

Concept

Background

At its first session, held in Jordan in 2006, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption requested UNODC to develop a pilot self-assessment checklist to facilitate the provision of information by States parties and signatories on the implementation of some key articles of the Convention (Resolution 1/2). Although limited in scope, the computer-based self-assessment checklist developed by UNODC was commended by the Conference at its second session, held in Indonesia in 2008. On that occasion, the Conference further requested UNODC to explore the option of modifying the existing self-assessment checklist as to create a comprehensive information-gathering tool that might serve as a useful starting point for collecting implementation information in any future reviews (Resolution 2/1).

In furtherance to those Resolutions, and in partnership with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy, UNODC has commenced the development of the “Omnibus Survey Software to Gather Information on the Implementation of UNCAC, UNTOC and its Protocols”. This work will be presented to and discussed by the Expert Group Meeting.

Participants

Reputable international experts with track-record experience of substantive and technical matters related the implementation of international crime-related treaties. Relevant UNODC staff from the Corruption and Economic Crime Section, the Organized Crime and Criminal Justice Section, the Justice and Integrity Unit, the Statistics and Survey Section and the External Systems Unit.

Objectives of the meeting:

- To review the substantive content of the Omnibus Survey Software and provide guidance on its further development
- To review the technical aspects of the Omnibus Survey Software and provide guidance on its further development
- To provide guidance on the way forward

Suggested way forward:

Further to the Meeting, substantive and technical comments provided by the experts will be incorporated in the Omnibus Survey Software. Subsequently, from March to June 2009, the Software will be tested by 15 volunteer States. Their feedback will inform the finalization of the software, which will be presented to the Conference of the States Parties at its third session, to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 13 November 2009.

Working languages of the meeting: The Meeting will be held in English only.

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Provisional agenda

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Topic</i>
23 February 2009	09:00 – 10.00 a.m.	Registration
	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	1 Opening of the meeting Mr. Dimitri Vlassis, Chief Corruption and Economic Crime Section, UNODC
	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	2 Tour de table
	11:00 – 12:00 a.m.	3 (a) Presentation of Omnibus Survey Software Substantive and IT Staff, UNODC
	12:00 – 13:00 a.m.	3 (b) Presentation of software content, including draft templates of answers (see sample) Professor Nikos Passas, Northeastern University
	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	3 (c) Experts' feedback on morning sessions
	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	4 Presentation of issues collected by UNODC while developing the Omnibus Software (see issues paper) Mr. Giovanni Gallo, Crime Prevention Expert, UNODC
	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	4 Experts' feedback on issues collected by UNODC while developing the Omnibus Software
	11:00 – 13:00 a.m.	5 (a) Experts' guidance on self-assessment checklist content development
24 February 2009	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Lunch Break
	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	5 (b) Experts' guidance on software development
	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	6 The way forward. Closure