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Vienna, 31 May 2019

Annotated provisional agenda

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The eighth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be opened on Friday, 31 May 2019, at 10 a.m.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the meeting were prepared in accordance with Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption resolution 7/1, in line with the recommendations agreed on by the seventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting (see [CAC/COSP/EG.1/2018/4](#)), and taking into account the multi-year workplan adopted by the Implementation Review Group (CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.2) and the schedule of meetings approved by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 27 August 2017.

In its resolution 7/1, the Conference invited the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to propose future agenda items. It also decided that the expert meeting should

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continue its work by exchanging information on common reasons for refusals and delays in responses to mutual legal assistance requests related to corruption offences under the Convention and on international cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings related to cases of corruption and possible measures to protect the confidentiality of the information provided in the context of assistance in criminal, civil and administrative measures.

The resources available will permit the holding of two plenary meetings, on 31 May 2019, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

3. Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: lessons learned, good practices and challenges

In its resolution 7/1, the Conference welcomed the recommendations of the sixth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention. In those conclusions and recommendations, the expert meeting had recommended that States parties should continue their efforts with regard to bridging the gap between different legal systems, particularly in the area of criminal procedure and evidence standards, by using the Convention as a legal basis, and by concluding detailed bilateral treaties and arrangements on mutual legal assistance.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested the Secretariat to continue, within existing resources, to collect statistics or other relevant information on the use of the Convention as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance and to make the information available to the Conference.

The seventh expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Vienna on 8 June 2018, recommended that the Secretariat continue its analytical work by seeking information from States parties, in particular in relation to the reasons for refusal of mutual legal assistance requests based on the Convention and related procedural timelines, in order to develop a road map to address related issues in the future.

The seventh expert meeting also encouraged States parties to continue to provide to the Secretariat information on challenges and good practices in international cooperation and other topics outlined in the resolutions of the Conference and the recommendations of the expert meetings, with a view to the Secretariat continuing its analytical work on challenges in international cooperation based on the Convention.

The Secretariat will update the eighth expert meeting on progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned mandates.

The Secretariat will also provide a brief update on the findings of country reviews that pertain to the implementation of chapter IV of the Convention.

Additionally, a panel discussion will be organized on the subject of common reasons for refusals and delays in responses to mutual legal assistance requests related to corruption offences under the Convention and innovative solutions.

During the second resumed ninth session of the Implementation Review Group (Vienna, November 2018), it was suggested that the lack of differentiation by some States parties relating to the protection of witnesses and reporting persons should be further discussed by the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting on international cooperation. The discussions on this issue and lessons learned through the country reviews under the Implementation Review Mechanism could be usefully shared among experts and discussed in the expert meeting, as this would facilitate decisions on international cooperation. Further to this, it is proposed that, under this agenda item, deliberations take place on measures taken by States parties to protect witnesses and reporting persons, and on relevant differences, in the context of transnational corruption cases.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/2](#))

Statistical information on the use of the United Nations Convention against Corruption as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance and in relation to civil and administrative proceedings and asset recovery ([CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/3](#))

4. Civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption

In its resolution 7/1, the Conference decided that the expert meeting should continue its work by exchanging information on best practices and challenges in international cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings related to cases of corruption and possible measures to protect the confidentiality of the information provided in the context of assistance in criminal, civil and administrative measures.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested the Secretariat to continue, within existing resources, to collect statistics or other relevant information on the use of the Convention as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance, where appropriate and consistent with domestic legal systems, in relation to civil and administrative proceedings, and to make the information available to the Conference.

The seventh expert meeting encouraged States parties to consider, where appropriate and consistent with their legal systems, more actively cooperating in civil and administrative measures in the context of transnational cooperation in corruption cases.

The Secretariat will inform the meeting of progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned mandates.

Participants may wish to exchange views on the practical issues relevant to international cooperation in civil and administrative matters, including experiences, challenges and good practices.

Documentation

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Statistical information on the use of the United Nations Convention against Corruption as a legal basis for mutual legal assistance and in relation to civil and administrative proceedings and asset recovery ([CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/3](#))

5. Tools and services of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote international cooperation

The seventh expert meeting recommended that States parties should actively support the provision of technical assistance in the area of international cooperation and should facilitate the organization of training courses and expert meetings to that effect, with a view to creating further platforms for information and knowledge exchange.

The seventh expert meeting also encouraged States parties to consider supplying information for inclusion in the directory of competent national authorities and to regularly update the information contained in the directory.

Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will provide information on tools and services to promote international cooperation, including progress made in its work on the development of the online directory of central authorities, in line with the above-mentioned mandates.

Participants may wish to exchange views and experiences on capacity-building priorities to address challenges encountered in the area of international cooperation to combat corruption.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/2](#))

6. Adoption of the report, including conclusions and recommendations

The eighth expert meeting is to adopt a report, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat, that will include its conclusions and recommendations.

Annex**Proposed organization of work**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Friday, 31 May 2019		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	Opening of the meeting
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
3–6 p.m.	4	Civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption
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