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## Implementation Review Group

### Resumed fourth session

Panama City, 26-27 November 2013

## Annotated provisional agenda

### Addendum

### Annotations

#### 1. Organizational matters

##### (a) Opening of the session

The resumed fourth session of the Implementation Review Group will be convened on Tuesday, 26 November 2013, at 3 p.m. in Plenary II, Atlapa Convention Center, Panama City.

##### (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the session of the Implementation Review Group was prepared in accordance with resolution 3/1, entitled "Review mechanism", adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its third session, held in Doha from 9 to 13 November 2009.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance provided by the Group.

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

#### 2. Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

The Conference adopted resolution 4/1, entitled "Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption", at its fourth session, held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 28 October 2011.



*Drawing of lots*

Pursuant to paragraphs 14 and 19 of the terms of reference of the Review Mechanism, lots are to be drawn to determine which States parties will participate in the reviews.

At the first part of its fourth session, held from 27 to 31 May 2013, the Implementation Review Group drew lots to select the States parties reviewing the States parties under review in the fourth year of the first review cycle. In view of the large number of States parties under review in the fourth year and the joining of new States parties, redraws will be required at the resumed fourth session. The country pairing table will be submitted as a conference room paper.

In its resolution 4/1, the Conference endorsed the practice followed by the Group with regard to the procedural issues arising from the drawing of lots, called upon States parties that had not yet done so to submit their lists of governmental experts well ahead of the drawing of lots and reminded States parties to keep their lists of governmental experts up to date, in accordance with the terms of reference. Pursuant to the request of the Group at its fourth session, the secretariat has prepared a compilation of the procedural requirements of the drawing of lots and practice in that respect.

*Progress report*

In order to provide the Implementation Review Group with an overview of issues identified during individual country reviews and to seek guidance on addressing challenges encountered during the conduct of reviews, the secretariat has prepared a progress report on the implementation of the mandates of the Group, compiling information on the conduct of the reviews of the first cycle, as well as lessons learned and information on activities undertaken to assist States parties participating in the review process.

*Outcome of reviews*

Pursuant to paragraph 35 of the terms of reference of the Review Mechanism, the secretariat is to compile the most common and relevant information on successes, good practices, challenges, observations and technical assistance needs contained in the country review reports and include them, organized by theme, in a thematic implementation report and regional supplementary addenda, for submission to the Implementation Review Group.

The thematic implementation reports and regional addenda should serve as the basis for the analytical work of the Group. On the basis of its deliberations, the Group should submit recommendations and conclusions to the Conference for its consideration and approval.

Reports containing updated information will be submitted to the Group at its resumed fourth session in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Pursuant to paragraph 36 of the terms of reference, the executive summaries of the country review reports that have been finalized by the time of the resumed fourth session should be translated into the six official languages of the United Nations and be made available as documents of the Group for information purposes only.

The Group has before it a note prepared by the Secretariat on translating commitment into results through the impact of the Implementation Review Mechanism.

### **Documentation**

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: review of articles 15 to 29 (CAC/COSP/2013/6)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention: review of articles 30 to 39 (CAC/COSP/2013/7)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention: review of articles 40 to 42 (CAC/COSP/2013/8)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the Convention: review of articles 44 to 46 (CAC/COSP/2013/9)

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the Convention: review of articles 46 to 50 (CAC/COSP/2013/10)

Report prepared by the Secretariat on regional implementation of chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention (CAC/COSP/2013/11)

Report prepared by the Secretariat on regional implementation of chapter IV (International cooperation) of the Convention (CAC/COSP/2013/12)

Progress report on the implementation of the mandates of the Implementation Review Group (CAC/COSP/2013/13)

Note by the Secretariat on translating commitment into results: the impact of the Implementation Review Mechanism (CAC/COSP/2013/14)

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CAC/COSP/2013/15)

Note by the Secretariat on the compilation of procedural requirements and practice regarding the drawing of lots (CAC/COSP/2013/16)

Executive summaries of country review reports, first year of the first cycle (CAC/COSP/IRG/I/1/1/Add.12-16)

Executive summaries of country review reports, second year of the first cycle (CAC/COSP/IRG/I/2/1/Add.15-19)

Executive summaries of country review reports, third year of the first cycle (CAC/COSP/IRG/I/3/1 and Add.1)

### **3. Technical assistance**

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should be in charge of following up and continuing the work undertaken previously by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance.

Paragraph 44 of the terms of reference states that the functions of the Implementation Review Group are to have an overview of the review process in order to identify challenges and good practices and to consider technical assistance requirements in order to ensure effective implementation of the Convention. Technical assistance needs identified in the country review reports will be compiled and issued in a note by the Secretariat.

The Secretariat has prepared a background paper on technical assistance containing consolidated information on such priority areas in technical assistance and activities undertaken by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to support implementation of the Convention at the global, regional and national levels. An analysis of technical assistance needs related to chapters III (Criminalization and law enforcement) and IV (International cooperation) of the Convention emerging from the country review reports and executive summaries thereto is contained in a note prepared by the Secretariat.

#### **Documentation**

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on technical assistance in support of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/2013/4)

Note by the Secretariat on analysis of technical assistance needs emerging from the review reports (CAC/COSP/2013/5)

### **4. Financial and budgetary matters**

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference underlined that the Review Mechanism required a budget that ensured its efficient, continued and impartial functioning. Pursuant to that resolution, the General Assembly, in its resolution 64/237, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the Review Mechanism was adequately funded.

In its resolution 4/1, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should assist it in the fulfilment of its responsibility to consider the budget biennially by engaging with the Secretariat during the intersessional period with regard to expenditures and projected costs related to the Review Mechanism.

At its resumed fourth session, the Group will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing budgetary information on expenditures incurred so far for the first four years of operation of the Mechanism, and on resources received for the same period, both from the regular budget and from voluntary contributions.

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on financial and budgetary matters (CAC/COSP/2013/15)

**5. Other matters**

The Implementation Review Group may wish to discuss any other matters that are brought to its attention.

**7. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its fourth session**

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its resumed fourth session, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

The Group may wish to consider submitting recommendations and conclusions to the Conference for its consideration and approval, in accordance with paragraph 44 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism.

**Annex****Proposed organization of work**

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<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Tuesday, 26 November</b>		
3-6 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
.	2	Review of implementation of the Convention
	3	Technical assistance
<b>Wednesday, 27 November</b>		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Financial and budgetary matters
	5	Other matters
	7	Adoption of the report on the resumed fourth session

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