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Provisional agenda and annotations

Addendum

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance provided by the Implementation Review Group at the part of its first session held from 28 June to 2 July 2010.

3. Country reviews

The list of nominated governmental experts prepared pursuant to paragraph 21 of the terms of reference of the Review Mechanism has been made available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/IRG-experts.html).

(b) Organization and schedule of reviews

The final version of the guidelines for governmental experts and the secretariat and the blueprint for country review reports, as contained in the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first session, held in Vienna from 28 June to 2 July 2010, will be made available to the Implementation Review Group (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/7, annex I). The Group will also have before it additional information on the schedule of reviews, as well as information on other organizational matters, such as the training of governmental experts.

Documentation

Report of the Implementation Review Group on its first session held in Vienna from 28 June to 2 July 2010 (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/7)

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4. Resource requirements for the Mechanism

In its previous consideration of the note by the Secretary-General on resource requirements for the functioning of the Review Mechanism for the bienniums 2010-2011 and 2012-2013 (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/5), the Implementation Review Group stressed the urgent need for timely action with regard to advocating for additional resources for the biennium 2012-2013; it also suggested holding a number of informal consultations to consider the resource requirements for the functioning of the Mechanism for the biennium 2012-2013 and developing a plan of action. It was the understanding of the Group that States parties were encouraged to consult with their permanent missions in New York in order to ensure favourable consideration of the proposals of the Secretary-General regarding the funding from the regular budget of the requirements for the Mechanism for the biennium 2012-2013 and subsequent bienniums.

The secretariat was requested to continue submitting budgetary information to the Group. It was emphasized that this information should contain an outline of the estimated costs and information on the expenditures.

Documentation

Background note on resources and expenditures (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/CRP.11)

5. 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. In its resolution 3/4, entitled "Technical assistance to implement the United Nations Convention against Corruption", the Conference welcomed the recommendations contained in the reports of the Secretariat on the work of that Working Group. Recommendations for concrete action to promote technical assistance in support of the implementation of the Convention are presented in the report on the meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance held in Vienna on 3 and 4 September 2009 (CAC/COSP/WG.3/2009/3) and in the report of the Secretariat on the work of the Working Group (CAC/COSP/2009/8).

In its resolution 3/4, the Conference welcomed the efforts of the secretariat to analyse the technical assistance needs identified by States parties and signatories to the Convention against Corruption in their responses to the self-assessment checklist. The matrix of technical assistance needs will be greatly enhanced by the comprehensive self-assessment checklist, which is a computer-based information-gathering tool to produce statistics, and visual aids, such as charts and other graphics, enabling the Conference to better identify technical assistance needs. A presentation will be made on the features of the new tool that make it possible to identify technical assistance needs and generate an upgraded matrix.

The Implementation Review Group will have before it additional information on how technical assistance needs can be identified and on possible mechanisms for meeting those needs in the context of reviewing implementation of the Convention.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on pilot testing of the use of United Nations Convention against Corruption assessment tools in identifying and prioritizing technical assistance: country studies from Indonesia, Kenya and Peru (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/8)

Matrix of technical assistance needs: additional information (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/CRP.1)

Guidance note on the use of the anti-corruption experts database for technical assistance (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/CRP.2)

7. Other matters

Procedural matters

At the part of its first session held in June and July 2010, the Implementation Review Group discussed the participation of observers in its sessions. During the deliberations various views were expressed, including on paragraph 42 of the terms of reference of the Review Mechanism, which referred to the Group as an “open-ended intergovernmental group of States parties”, as well as on the application of the rules of procedure for the Conference to the Group as a subsidiary body of the Conference.

In order to assist it in resolving this issue before its second session, the Group requested the secretariat to seek a legal opinion on the matter from the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat and to circulate the opinion to the States parties.

In the interim, the Group decided to hold as an open meeting the consideration of the agenda item on technical assistance, because of the important role that intergovernmental organizations played in the provision of technical assistance. The Group took this decision on the understanding that it did not prejudice the resolution of the matter by the Group or by the Conference, as appropriate.

Documentation

Legal opinion from the Office of Legal Affairs (CAC/COSP/IRG/2010/CRP.12)

Progress of preparations for the fourth session of the Conference and meetings of working groups established by the Conference

The secretariat will provide additional information on progress in preparations for the session and the meetings.

8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first meeting

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

Annex

Proposed organization of work for the resumed first session of the Implementation Review Group

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 29 November		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the resumed session
	5	Technical assistance
3-6 p.m.	5	Technical assistance (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 30 November		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Technical assistance (<i>continued</i>)
	4	Resource requirements for the Mechanism
3-6 p.m.	3 (a)	Country reviews: organization and schedule of reviews
	7	Other matters: procedural matters
Wednesday, 1 December		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7	Other matters: procedural matters (<i>continued</i>)
	7	Other matters: progress of preparations for the fourth session of the Conference and meetings of working groups established by the Conference
3-6 p.m.	6	Provisional agenda for the second session of the Implementation Review Group
	8	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its resumed first session