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NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy/Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Office and International Organisations based in Vienna, presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and with reference to its note CU 2008/39 dated 29 April 2008, has the honour to convey to it the attached Annex containing the contribution of the Algerian Delegation on the criteria and terms of reference for the review Mechanism for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The Embassy/Permanent Mission of Algeria would highly appreciate if its proposals be reflected in the Secretariat compilation document to be submitted to the Intergovernmental Experts Group meeting scheduled to take place in Vienna in September 2008.

The Embassy/Permanent Mission of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the United Nations Office and International Organisations based in Vienna, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime its highest consideration.



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Contribution of Algeria concerning the review Mechanism for the UN Convention against Corruption

In connexion with the forthcoming meeting of the open ended Intergovernmental Experts Group, scheduled to take place in Vienna, from 22 to 24 September 2008, the Algerian Delegation would like to submit the following proposals on the terms of reference and criteria for the review Mechanism of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC):

Regarding the procedure:

- The Conference of the States Parties (COSP) is the supreme institutional body of the UNCAC. Therefore, any envisaged Mechanism, including the review Mechanism, should be subsidiary to the COSP.
- The publication of the States Parties reports submitted to the envisaged review Mechanism has to be subject to the prior approval of the COSP.
- The role of the review Mechanism regarding Intergovernmental Regional and International cooperation should be subject to the prior approval of the COSP.

Regarding the substance:

- The envisaged review Mechanism should be impartial, transparent and respectful of the Equality and Sovereignty of the States Parties.
- The envisaged review Mechanism should be conceived as a Forum for discussion, exchange of information, promotion of best practices and identification of the problems encountered in the implementation of the UNCAC.
- The envisaged Mechanism should ensure that States Parties are the unique source for information which should be used only for analytical purposes and cannot be disclosed to any person or entity without the prior consent of the State concerned. In addition, the use of any other source of information should be subject to the prior approval of the COSP, and should not be used for purposes other than the promotion of effective implementation of UNCAC.
- The composition of the States Parties and the number of the seats allocated within the envisaged review Mechanism should be based on equitable geographical representation and on a balanced rotation.
- The funding of the envisaged review Mechanism should be provided by the regular budget of the COSP according to the UN scale of assessment for the States Parties.
- The review Mechanism should be subject to a periodic evaluation by the COSP, in order to assuring an efficient implementation of UNCAC and to overcoming the difficulties in the implementation process.