

Tunisian Republic

Ministry of Justice and Human Rights

Comments on the United Nations Convention Against Corruption

Review Mechanism

- The proposal to set up a mechanism with a clear control mandate to review application of the Convention would impose an additional burden on states such as Tunisia that have ratified the Convention recently. Before thinking about setting up a mechanism, it would be preferable to provide adequate financing in order to give member states technical assistance for training in best practices and drafting appropriate professional management methods.
- During the first years after ratification of the Convention, states need adequate time in which to provide the material and human requirements needed to fulfil all the obligations incumbent upon them. During this phase, states should be given the confidence, support and technical and financial support needed to complete the development of anti-corruption legislation and increase the capability of the bodies responsible for applying the related legal provisions and for the necessary organizational and administrative arrangements.
- It is premature to request member states to submit to a review mechanism for implementation of the Convention and more thought needs to be devoted to giving those states enough time to prepare thoroughly to comply with the various requirements of the Convention.