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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The third meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance will be opened on Thursday, 3 September, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with resolution 1/5, entitled "Technical assistance", adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its first session, held in Amman from 10 to 14 December 2006, and resolution 2/4, entitled "Strengthening coordination and enhancing technical assistance for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption", adopted by



the Conference at its second session, held in Nusa Dua, Indonesia, from 28 January to 1 February 2008.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared pursuant to Conference resolutions 1/5 and 2/4 to facilitate consideration of the agenda items within the time and in accordance with the conference services available to the Working Group.

The resources available for the meeting permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with full interpretation in the official languages of the United Nations.

2. Implementation of the mandate on technical assistance of the Conference

In its resolution 1/5, the Conference decided to establish an interim open-ended intergovernmental working group, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and rule 2, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Conference, to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on technical assistance.

In the same resolution, the Conference also decided that the working group should perform the following functions:

(a) Review the needs for technical assistance in order to assist the Conference on the basis of the information provided by States to the Conference;

(b) Provide guidance on priorities, based on programmes approved by the Conference and its directives;

(c) Consider information gathered through the self-assessment checklist approved by the Conference;

(d) Consider information, as appropriate and readily available and in the areas covered by the Convention, on technical assistance activities of the Secretariat and States, including successful practices, as well as on projects and priorities of States, other entities of the United Nations system and international organizations;

(e) Promote the coordination of technical assistance in order to avoid duplication.

In its resolution 2/4, the Conference decided that the Working Group should continue its work to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on technical assistance, and reaffirmed that the Working Group should meet during the third session of the Conference and, as appropriate and within existing resources, should hold at least two intersessional meetings prior to the third session of the Conference. It also decided that the Working Group should submit reports on its activities to the Conference.

At its second intersessional meeting, held in Vienna on 18 and 19 December 2008, the Working Group welcomed the proposal to establish a pool of anti-corruption experts and recommended that the pool be developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and that it be regarded as a directory of experts. It requested UNODC to seek the required voluntary funding for that activity and to report on the development of such a pool of experts at the next meeting of the Working Group.

The Working Group emphasized the importance of sharing knowledge and expertise in the context of technical assistance delivery, in particular with regard to the identification and dissemination of good practices in the area of asset recovery.

The Working Group addressed the need to establish and strengthen mechanisms to promote the coordination of technical assistance in support of States' efforts to implement the Convention. It endorsed the proposals for technical assistance contained in a conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on preliminary proposals for possible technical assistance activities to respond to needs identified by Member States through the self-assessment reports and recommended that the matrix proposed to map technical assistance activities at the bilateral, regional or global level should be developed and further expanded in order to provide an overview of the needs identified and of the supply side of technical assistance.

Acknowledging that developing countries might require technical assistance to fulfil their reporting obligations, the Working Group recommended that the Secretariat provide, upon request, non-reporting States parties with the necessary assistance to use and complete the self-assessment checklist.

The Working Group recommended that panels of experts in the delivery of technical assistance in the areas of prevention, criminalization and asset recovery should be convened before the third session of the Conference.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on compliance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption and technical assistance needed to implement the Convention (CAC/COSP/WG.3/2009/2)

3. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is to adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 3 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
		1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3-6 p.m.	2 (a)	Review of needs for technical assistance
		2 (a)	Review of needs for technical assistance (<i>continued</i>)
		2 (b)	Guidance on priorities for technical assistance
Friday, 4 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 (b)	Guidance on priorities for technical assistance (<i>continued</i>)
		2 (c)	Coordination of technical assistance activities
	3-6 p.m.	2 (c)	Coordination of technical assistance activities (<i>continued</i>)
		2 (d)	Mobilization of resources
		3	Adoption of the report