Mandates of anti-corruption body or bodies in respect of prevention

UNCAC Article 6

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• Article 6, requires States to:
  - (Para 1) ensure existence of a body/bodies that prevent corruption;
  - (Para 2) grant necessary independence and provide necessary resources to carry out functions
  - (Para 3) inform the UNSG of the name and address of the body/bodies
Diversity of Approaches Used to Implement Article 6 of UNCAC

1. Structure and functions of preventive anti-corruption bodies
2. Role of bodies in preventive anti-corruption policies
3. Supporting necessary independence of bodies
4. Role of bodies in sharing knowledge about the prevention of corruption
5. Cooperation between preventive anti-corruption bodies
1. Structure and functions of preventive anti-corruption bodies – Three approaches:

- Primarily prevention-related mandate;
- Dual prevention and investigation mandate;
- Coordination function between government agencies.
2. Role of bodies in preventive anti-corruption policies

- Coordinating and overseeing the implementation of corruption prevention policies

- Evaluating and reporting on the implementation of corruption prevention policies
3. Supporting necessary independence of bodies through:

- Constitutional and legislative mechanisms
- Transparent and fair recruitment procedures
- Provision of sufficient financial resources
4. Role of bodies in sharing knowledge about the prevention of corruption

• Collecting, analysing and publicizing information regarding the existence and prevalence of corruption

• Engaging broad range of individuals and groups in the prevention of corruption

• Training and awareness-raising activities with regard to the prevention of corruption
5. Cooperation between preventive anti-corruption bodies

• States parties can assist each other in developing and implementing specific measures for the prevention of corruption

• Achieved through training programmes, workshops and MoUs.
Potential Points for Discussion

• Balancing the increasing number of mandates with availability of resources

• How bodies can effectively cooperate

• How UNODC can support States Parties in their implementation of Art. 6
Thank you

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