Legislative & Administrative measures in Public Sector - Funding of political candidatures and political parties

UNCAC Articles 5 & 7

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- **Article 7, paragraphs 2 & 3** of the Convention requires States to consider to:
  - Prescribe a criteria for candidatures and elections for public office;
  - Enhance transparency in funding of candidatures, and,
  - Enhance transparency on funding of political parties
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- **Article 7, paragraphs 2 & 3** of the Convention requires States to take measures consistent with the objectives of the Convention
- Preventing corruption more effectively and efficiently,
- Support international cooperation & technical assistance
- Promote integrity, accountability & proper management of public affairs and public property.
Suggested considerations for implementing Article 7

- Measures to enhance transparency;
- Definition of Donation or Contribution,
- Limitations on contributions
- Examples of implementation
- Measures to strengthen transparency of candidatures to elected office and campaigns and;
- Challenges identified
Funding of Political Parties & Campaigns

• Definition of Donation or Contribution.

• Source of Funding
  – Public source of funding
  – Private source of funding

• Value Limits on Contributions

• Limits on Expenditures during Electoral Campaigns
Funding of Political Parties and Campaigns

- Criteria for Transparency
  - Requirements for Disclosures
  - Requirements for Public Reporting
    - General vs. Detailed reporting of accounts

- Oversight and Enforcement
  - Electoral Commissions
  - Court of Auditors
  - Anti-corruption agencies
Funding of Political Parties and Campaigns

- Sanctions
  - Loss of public subsidies
  - Fines
  - Suspension
  - Confiscation of illegal contributions
  - Criminal sanctions.
Funding of Political Parties and Campaigns

- Awareness raising on compliance with regulatory framework
- State resources allocated to build capacity of political parties on transparency and accountability rules.
- Technical assistance to support the use of information technology to enhance oversight of political campaigns
Other Legislative and Administrative Measures in the Public Sector

- Recruitment of civil servants based on transparency and merit
- Integrity measures and training of civil service.
- Use of asset declarations to detect conflict of interest
- Protection of reporting persons in cases of fiscal fraud and economic crime
Potential Points for Discussion

• The diversity of implementation measures available to Member States.

• Enhancing transparency and accountability of funding of political parties and campaigns.

• UNODC support to States Parties in their implementation of Art. 7, including funding of political parties and campaigns.
Thank you

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