The Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolutions 6/1 of the Conference, entitled “Continuation of the review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, 6/6, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption” and 6/7, entitled “Promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”.

In accordance with these resolutions, the Government is cordially invited to participate as an observer in the seventh meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 22-24 August 2016.

Documentation will be electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and can be accessed through the following address: www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-Prevention/working-group-on-prevention.html.

Attached are copies of the annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the meeting as well as an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements.

The agenda for the meeting has been set in accordance with the resolutions of the Conference. In its resolution 6/1, the Conference requested the Secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates. The Conference, in its resolution 6/7, further requested that the relevant subsidiary bodies discuss promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention in order to facilitate public sector transparency and combat corruption, and draw up a list of best practices on how to enhance and promote such use.
In its resolution 6/6, the Conference requested the Secretariat to continue, in close cooperation with relevant international organizations, partners and donors, to develop studies, training materials, guides and tools for Governments and sports organizations to enable them to further strengthen measures in that area. The Conference further requested the Secretariat to report on the implementation of resolution 6/6 to its relevant subsidiary bodies.

In light of these resolutions, the topics for discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Working Group will be:

(a) The use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention in order to facilitate public sector transparency and combat corruption and;

(b) The protection of integrity in sport by promoting good governance in sport and mitigating the risk of corruption that sport faces.

These topics were endorsed by the Extended Bureau of the Conference at its meeting on 29 April 2016.

It would be appreciated if the Government’s response to this invitation could be sent directly to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43 1 26060 6711, or a scanned copy to e-mail: UNCAC.COP@unodc.org. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales/letters will be accepted by e-mail. Information on the composition of the Government’s delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details, should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than 10 August 2016.

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