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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the [[[AddressLine1]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolutions 8/7, 8/8, 8/13 and 8/14 of the Conference of States Parties, adopted at its eighth session.

In its resolution 8/8, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference decided that the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention, which had been established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 3/2 entitled “Preventive Measures”, should continue its work to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption and should hold at least two meetings prior to the ninth session of the Conference.

The Conference at its eighth session also adopted a workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, as contained in document CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/L.3/Rev.1. According to the workplan, the thematic discussions of the 11th session of the Working Group on Prevention will be held jointly with the 11th regular session of the Implementation Review Group from 8 to 10 June 2020 because prevention will be one of the main topics of the Implementation Review Group.

In three of the resolutions adopted at its 8th session, the Conference proposed topics to be included into the agenda of the Working Group on Prevention:

- In resolution 8/7, entitled “Enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies in fighting corruption”, the Conference decided to include the issue of “enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies” in the agenda of the Working Group on Prevention.
- In resolution 8/13, entitled “Abu Dhabi declaration on enhancing collaboration between supreme audit institutions and anti-corruption bodies to more effectively prevent and fight corruption”, the Conference requested the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption to include, as a topic for discussion at its future meetings, “strengthening the role of supreme audit institutions in the prevention of and fight against corruption”.

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- Lastly, in resolution 8/14, entitled “Promoting good practices in relation to the role of national parliaments and other legislative bodies in preventing and combating corruption in all its forms”, the Conference requested the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption to include “the role of parliaments and other legislative bodies in strengthening the implementation of the Convention” as a topic on the agenda for its twelfth meeting, and to invite the Inter-Parliamentary Union and similar organizations to participate in a thematic panel discussion on the topic.

The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption therefore proposes to include the topic of “enhancing the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies” in the provisional agenda of the upcoming 11th session of the Working Group on Prevention and to include the other two topics into the agenda of the 12th session of the Working Group on Prevention to be held in 2021.

Should the Government have any objection to the proposed inclusion of the topic in the provisional agenda for the 11th session of the Working Group on Prevention, the secretariat would be grateful if the Government communicated such an objection to the secretariat by email to uncac@un.org, at its earliest convenience, but **not later than 31 January 2020**.

In preparation for the upcoming session of the Working Group on Prevention, UNODC will prepare a background paper on the above-mentioned topic. In this respect, the Government is invited to share any pertinent information with the secretariat. The specific focus should be on the aspect of effectiveness including, for example, information on how the effectiveness of anti-corruption bodies is determined and measured.

The secretariat would be grateful if the Government could send the above requested information by email to uncac@un.org at its earliest convenience **but not later than 19 February 2020**.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the [[[AddressLine1]]] the assurances of its highest consideration.

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