



# Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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**Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government  
Experts on Technical Assistance**  
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## **Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work**

### **Provisional agenda**

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## **Annotations**

### **1. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Opening of the meeting**

The meeting of the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance, established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in its decision 2/6, will be convened on Wednesday, 3 October 2007, at 10 a.m.

#### **(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

In its decision 2/6, by which it decided to establish an open-ended interim working group to advise and assist it in the implementation of its mandate on technical assistance, the Conference of the Parties decided that the working group should hold at least one intersessional meeting before the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in 2008.

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with decision 2/6, entitled "Technical assistance activities", and decision 3/4, entitled "Recommendations of the open-ended interim working group of government experts on technical assistance", adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second and third sessions, held in Vienna from 10 to 21 October 2005 and from 9 to 18 October 2006 respectively.

The proposed organization of work was prepared in accordance with the above-mentioned decisions. It is intended to facilitate consideration of the agenda items within the time and according to the resources available to the Working Group.

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

### **2. Proposals of the Secretariat for technical assistance activities designed to meet needs identified in priority areas**

In decision 3/4, the Conference of the Parties endorsed the recommendations made during its third session by the Working Group, in which the Working Group had identified priority areas for technical assistance to support and promote the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested its secretariat to develop proposals for technical assistance activities designed to meet the needs identified by the Working Group in the priority areas determined by it and submit such proposals to the Working Group for consideration at its meeting to be held before the fourth session of the Conference.

In its decision 3/1, the Conference of the Parties further decided that the Working Group should, in its deliberations, give appropriate consideration to final consolidated analytical reports on the first two reporting cycles, as well as a final report covering the information on specific compliance issues provided by States parties pursuant to individual requests.

The Working Group may wish to review the proposals of the Secretariat for technical assistance activities designed to meet the needs identified by the Working Group in the priority areas, taking into consideration, as appropriate, a progress report on the preparation of the final consolidated analytical reports on the first two reporting cycles and of the final report covering the information on specific compliance issues provided by States parties pursuant to individual requests.

The Working Group may also wish to advise the Conference of the Parties and the Secretariat on appropriate action.

### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on proposals for technical assistance activities designed to meet needs identified by the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance in priority areas (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2007/2)

Note by the Secretariat on progress report on the preparation of the final consolidated analytical reports on the first two reporting cycles and of the final report covering the information provided by States parties pursuant to individual requests for clarification or indication of action taken or intended with regard to specific compliance issues (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2007/5)

### **3. Coordination among technical assistance providers for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

At its meeting held during the third session of the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group noted that there was an urgent need to improve information-sharing and coordination regarding technical assistance activities provided by Governments or international organizations and financial institutions, as well as a need to improve coordination among providers of technical assistance. The Working Group recommended that the Secretariat intensify its coordination efforts.

Based on those recommendations of the Working Group, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision 3/4, requested its secretariat prior to, and with a view to better preparing for, the meeting of the Working Group to be held before the fourth session of the Conference, to consult with relevant departments or agencies of the United Nations, other international organizations, regional organizations and financial institutions such as the World Bank and other multilateral development banks in order to exchange information on and promote technical assistance related to the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and to identify ways to improve coordination in that area, and also requested the secretariat to inform the Working Group of the results of those consultations.

In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group to include in the agenda of its meeting to be held before the fourth session of the Conference an item on coordination of technical assistance for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto.

The Working Group may wish to request the Secretariat to report on the results of those consultations with technical assistance providers for the implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, as well as on the coordination activities of the Secretariat.

The Working Group may also wish to make recommendations on ways of improving coordination and to submit them to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session for consideration and action.

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on coordination among technical assistance providers for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2007/4)

#### **4. Consideration of the possibility of determining performance indicators for technical assistance and the best way to identify lessons learned from the provision of technical assistance, with a view to developing best practices**

At its meeting held during the third session of the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group agreed that, at its meeting to be held before the fourth session of the Conference, it would explore the possibility of determining performance indicators for technical assistance and the best way to identify lessons learned from the provision of technical assistance, with a view to developing best practices.

The Working Group may wish to discuss the matter of performance indicators and determine criteria that could be applied to arrive at such performance indicators. The Working Group may also wish to discuss ways and means and the resource implications of capturing, analysing, preserving and disseminating experiences from the provision of technical assistance and the impact of such assistance. Further, the Working Group may wish to provide guidance to the Secretariat on the development and dissemination of best practices.

#### **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on performance indicators for technical assistance and lessons learned from the provision of technical assistance (CTOC/COP/WG.2/2007/3)

#### **5. Mobilization of resources**

At its meeting held during the third session of the Conference of the Parties, the Working Group expressed the view that mobilization of potential resources would be facilitated through the identification of specific needs and the development of activities tailored to meet those needs. It was also of the view that, for better mobilization of resources, it was necessary to demonstrate that technical assistance contributed to the objective of implementation of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and that it met the specific needs identified. The Working Group stressed the importance of result-based assessments and project evaluation in developing recommendations on mobilizing resources to meet priorities. The Working Group recommended that mobilization of resources be promoted through partnerships and coordination with other relevant international and regional organizations, as well as through the coordination activities that the national focal points to be appointed in accordance with decision 3/1 should undertake.

The Working Group may wish to continue its consideration of this matter and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties with a view to assisting and advising the Conference in its implementation of the mandate in accordance with

article 32, paragraph 3 (a), of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

**6. Effectiveness and future of the Working Group**

In its decision 2/6, the Conference of the Parties decided to review and take a decision on the effectiveness and future of the Working Group at its fourth session, in 2008.

The Working Group may wish to consider its effectiveness and future work and to submit its recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session for consideration and action.

**7. Other matters**

Any other matters arising during the meeting will be taken up under the item entitled "Other matters".

**8. Adoption of the report**

In its decision 2/6, the Conference of the Parties decided that the Chairman of the Working Group should submit a report on the activities of the Working Group to the Conference of the Parties.

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>
Wednesday, 3 October 2007	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	Proposals of the Secretariat for technical assistance activities designed to meet needs identified in priority areas
Thursday, 4 October 2007	3-6 p.m.	2	Proposals of the Secretariat for technical assistance activities designed to meet needs identified in priority areas ( <i>continued</i> )
	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Coordination among technical assistance providers for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto
	3-6 p.m.	4	Consideration of the possibility of determining performance indicators for technical assistance and the best way to identify lessons learned from the provision of technical assistance, with a view to developing best practices
Friday, 5 October 2007	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Mobilization of resources
		6	Effectiveness and future of the Open-ended Interim Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance
	3-6 p.m.	7	Other matters
		8	Adoption of the report