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Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 23 October 2023		Discussion modalities
10:00 - 10:30	<p>Opening statement: Ms. Loide Aryee, Chief, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, DTA/UNODC.</p> <p>Opening remarks: Mr. WANG Xin, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Justice, China (Chair)</p> <p>Moderator of the opening session: Ms. Xiaohong Li, Chief, Conference Support Section, OCB/DTA/UNODC.</p> <p>Group photo (for participants present in the conference room)</p>	Opening statements
10:30 – 13:00	<p>The use of the UNTOC as a legal basis for international cooperation in criminal matters - challenges and potential: an update</p>	National presentations / National feedback in writing, submitted in advance by participants, on additional cases, beyond the ones reflected in the Digest.

	<p>This session will offer the opportunity to participants to provide further information, and trigger discussion about it, on additional cases of international cooperation involving the competent authorities of their countries in which the UNTOC was used as a legal basis for such cooperation.</p>	<p>Reference material: Digest of cases of international cooperation in criminal matters involving the UNTOC as a legal basis</p>
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>14:30 – 17:30</p>	<p>The use of the UNTOC as a legal basis for international cooperation in criminal matters - challenges and potential: an update (<i>cont.</i>)</p> <hr/> <p>This session will offer the opportunity to participants to provide further information, and trigger discussion about it, on additional cases of international cooperation involving the competent authorities of their countries in which the UNTOC was used as a legal basis for such cooperation.</p>	<p>National presentations / National feedback in writing, submitted in advance by participants, on additional cases, beyond the ones reflected in the Digest.</p> <p>Reference material: Digest of cases of international cooperation in criminal matters involving the UNTOC as a legal basis</p>

Day 2: Tuesday, 24 October 2023		
10:00 – 13:00	<p>Development of a matrix identifying legal and practical issues that could arise in the implementation of article 19 of the UNTOC on joint investigations</p>	<p>National presentations, including national feedback in writing, submitted in advance</p> <p>Outline of elements for inclusion in the matrix, prepared by UNODC</p>
	<p>This session will discuss elements and aspects for inclusion in such a matrix. The exchange of views will be used as reference material for follow-up work by UNODC to develop this tool, in accordance with COP-UNTOC resolution 11/1, Annex I, subparagraph (i).</p>	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 17:30	<p>Updating of the UNODC Manual on Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance (2012)</p>	<p>National presentations, including national feedback in writing, submitted in advance.</p> <p>Outline of proposed elements for amendment/updating of the Manual, prepared by UNODC</p>
	<p>In this session, experts at the EGM will provide guidance and directions for further work on the updating of the manual, in accordance with resolution 10/4 (para. 15) of the COP-UNTOC.</p>	

Day 3: Wednesday, 25 October 2023		
10:00 – 13:00	<p>The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the field of international cooperation in criminal matters: the practitioners’ perspective – New challenges and opportunities</p> <p>The session will offer the opportunity to take stock of lessons learned from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the field of international cooperation in criminal matters. It will also offer the opportunity to exchange views and gather advice and suggestions on possible elements for inclusion in a research/issue paper on the “Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international cooperation in criminal matters: challenges encountered, good practices and lessons learnt in the aftermath of the pandemic” that UNODC is planning to elaborate.</p>	<p>National presentations, including national feedback in writing, submitted in advance, if possible.</p> <p>Outline of elements for inclusion in the research/issue paper, prepared by UNODC</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 17:30	<p>An update on UNODC tools to promote international cooperation in criminal matters</p> <p>Closing: Chair summarizing the most salient points of the deliberations</p> <p>At this session, participants will be informed by UNODC on existing UNODC tools geared towards promoting international cooperation in criminal matters.</p> <p>The outcome of the meeting will be presented by the Chair, in the form of a list of most salient points of the deliberations.</p>	<p>Presentations by UNODC</p> <p>Conclusions/salient points of discussions: oral presentation by the Chair</p>