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**Meeting for the purpose of defining the specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto**

Vienna, 30 October–1 November 2017

**Proposal of the Chair for former sections VIII and IX**

**Text of the Chair\*\***

**VIII. Participation of Observers in the Mechanism**

58. A Member State of the United Nations which is not a party to the Convention may participate in the Mechanism, on a voluntary basis, as a State under review. The expenditure incurred shall be covered by the Member State of the United Nations or through voluntary contributions.

59. In order to further promote constructive dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, briefings with all relevant stakeholders, including signatories, non-signatories, entities, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and representatives of academia and the private sector shall be conducted on the outcomes of the review process, including on the technical assistance needs identified. Such briefings shall be convened on the margins of the meetings of the working groups and be conducted by the secretariat in cooperation with a member of the Bureau, at the request of the President of the Conference. No specific country situation shall be mentioned during briefings.

60. Signatories, non-signatories, entities, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and representatives of academia and the private sector may be invited by the Working Groups of the Conference to participate as observers where the protection and assistance of victims of crime are concerned, such as in the areas covered by the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and by the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

61. In order to further promote constructive dialogue with all relevant stakeholders, signatories, non-signatories, entities, non-governmental organizations and representatives of academia and the private sector may be invited by the working

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groups to provide contributions in writing with regards to the review process. No specific country situation shall be mentioned in such contributions.

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