

**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, 21-23 March 2018

**Rolling text of the draft procedures and rules for the review mechanism (Status: 22 March 2018, 12 p.m. (morning Plenary session))**

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

**Text of the Chair\***

**VIII. Participation [Replace with “Engagement” (China)] of Observers [and non-State parties(Egypt)] in the [Review (Iran)]Mechanism [Separate the section on Civil Society (Egypt)]Independent resolution for this section (China)]  
[Sub-heading “Non-governmental organization and the Review Mechanism” (Pakistan)(Mexico)(Singapore)(Turkey)]**

58. A Member State of the United Nations which is not a party to the Convention [or one of the three Protocols (Canada)] may participate in the Mechanism, on [their request –delete a voluntary basis + the Iranian proposal- (Canada)] a voluntary basis [and subject to the consent of non-State Party (Iran)], as a State under review [and reviewing State (Iran)][take out “reviewing State” (Russia)]. The expenditure incurred shall be covered by the Member State of the United Nations or through voluntary contributions.[delete paragraph (United States) (China)(Argentina)]

59. [delete para 59,60 and 61 (Russia)]In order to further promote constructive dialogue with all [delete “all” (Turkey)] relevant stakeholders, briefings [replace “briefings” with “comprehensive engagement within the meetings” (United Kingdom)(Norway)(Mexico)][no addition (Iraq)(South Africa)(Turkey)(Iran)] with all [delete all (Turkey)] relevant stakeholders, including [replace this section (Turkey) signatories, non-signatories, entities [delete entities (Turkey)], international and regional organizations], non-governmental organizations and representatives of academia and the private sector [delete private sector (Turkey)] shall be conducted on the outcomes of the review process, including on the technical assistance needs identified. [delete from here (United Kingdom)]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.

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~~59.~~ [59bis. Relevant stakeholders referred in paragraph 59 can only participate as an observers in the briefings on review mechanism that will be organized for this purpose [after the session of the Conference officially closes (Russia)] [on the margin of each meeting (Iran)]. Only relevant NGOs and representatives of academia can apply to the Secretariat for observer status, with an explanatory and detailed letter of intention. The Secretariat shall circulate a list of the relevant stakeholders, particularly NGOs, with sufficient information, including their country, activities, founders, date of establishment and explanatory and detailed letter of intention at least two months prior to the session. States will have the sovereign right of objection for any observer. Such objection is the final decision, without need for further discussion. If their participation is not objected, the NGO cannot participate in any decision mechanism, particularly those on substantive and procedural matters. NGOs and representatives of academia cannot submit oral and written statements. [No specific Country situation shall be mentioned (Russia)(Iraq)] NGOs can only receive the non-confidential documents prepared for the session by the Secretariat. No general budget resources for the participation of NGOs will be used.(Turkey) (Iraq)(Iran)].

60. [Signatories, non-signatories, entities ~~[delete entities (Turkey)]~~, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and representatives of academia ~~[in line with paragraph 59 and 59 bis (Turkey)]~~and the private sector ~~[delete private sector (Turkey)]~~ may ~~[shall (United Kingdom)(Uruguay)(Norway)(Mexico)]~~ ~~[keep “may”(Iraq)(Singapore)(Turkey)(Iran)]~~ be invited by the Working Groups of the Conference to participate as observers where the protection and assistance of victims of crime are concerned ~~[as well as on issues of prevention and training (Israel) (Thailand) (Italy)(Switzerland)(Australia)(Uruguay)(Norway)(Canada)]~~, 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 ~~and by the Protocol on Firearms (Turkey)]~~.

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 ~~[shall (United Kingdom)(Uruguay)(Norway)(Mexico)]~~ ~~[keep “may”(Iraq)(Iran)]~~ be invited by the working groups to provide contributions in writing with regards to the review process. ~~[delete from here (United Kingdom)]~~No specific country situation shall be mentioned in such contributions ~~[delete this sentence (Norway)]~~. ~~[States Parties are also encouraged to provide information to other States Parties in the course of their country review particularly in the context of international cooperation (United States)(Uruguay)]~~~~[delete paragraph (Turkey)]~~