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## International cooperation

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### **Follow-up to the Sharm el-Sheikh declaration on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery**

*The Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption,*

*Acknowledging* that preventing and fighting corruption at all levels and in all its forms is a priority and responsibility of all States parties,

*Deeply concerned* about emergencies, including those arising from pandemics and natural disasters, and their impact on, inter alia, good governance, the rule of law at all levels and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup> in particular Sustainable Development Goal 16, on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, and its targets,

*Recognizing* that corruption risks may increase during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery as the urgency of needs, high demand for economic and health-related relief and the speed with which Member States and parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption<sup>2</sup> are required to respond create opportunities for corruption, which further impedes response and recovery efforts,

*Reaffirming* that preventing and combating corruption is particularly challenging during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery and that international cooperation is essential in all these efforts,

*Recalling* its resolution 9/1 of 17 December 2021, entitled “Sharm el-Sheikh declaration on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery”, and reaffirming the commitment of States parties to develop, put in place and, where appropriate, improve and strengthen anti-corruption policies and strategies in accordance with their domestic law to ensure emergency preparedness and address corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery,

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.



*Reaffirming* the importance of fully implementing the Sharm el-Sheikh declaration with a view to building the capacities of States parties to prevent and combat corruption and enhance international cooperation, in particular during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery,

*Recalling* paragraph 73 of the political declaration entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation”, adopted by the General Assembly, in its resolution S-32/1 of 2 June 2021, at its special session against corruption, in which States committed themselves to ensuring that appropriate measures were in place to prevent and combat corruption when responding to or recovering from national crises and emergencies, while striving not to negatively impact the speed and quality of responses in such situations,

*Recognizing* the role of the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and other relevant networks and forums as platforms for sharing experiences and lessons learned among their members, including, where appropriate, during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery,

*Recalling* that, in its resolution 9/1, the Conference directed the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention to analyse, with the support of the secretariat, the information received from States parties, with a view to developing non-binding guidelines for strengthening international and multilateral cooperation to further prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery,

*Acknowledging* the information provided by States parties on a voluntary basis on best practices and challenges concerning international cooperation in combating corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, including enhancing knowledge and exploring links between corruption and other forms of crime during such times, as well as on how to promote and strengthen international cooperation, technical support and capacity-building in that regard,

*Taking note* of the reports by the secretariat on progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of Conference resolution 9/1,<sup>3</sup>

1. *Encourages* States parties to further the full and effective use of the United Nations Convention against Corruption to develop, put in place and, where appropriate, improve and strengthen anti-corruption policies and strategies, in accordance with domestic law, to ensure emergency preparedness and address corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made by States parties thus far, and urges States parties to continue to implement Conference resolution 9/1 and to follow up on the present resolution;

3. *Also welcomes* the non-binding guidelines for strengthening international and multilateral cooperation to further prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption during times of emergency and crisis response and recovery,<sup>4</sup> which may support the efforts of States parties to address the most prevalent corruption risks encountered at different stages of emergencies and crisis response and recovery;

4. *Encourages* States parties to consider, as appropriate and in accordance with their domestic laws, the non-binding guidelines when developing, reviewing or revising their national policies and strategies to prevent and counter corruption, as well as their pre-crisis planning and emergency response plans;

5. *Also encourages* States parties to monitor, review and adapt, as necessary, the anti-corruption measures implemented during emergencies and crisis response and

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<sup>3</sup> CAC/COSP/2023/18 and CAC/COSP/2023/19.

<sup>4</sup> CAC/COSP/EG.1/2023/3.

recovery and to monitor their impact on corruption-related trends so as to identify corruption risks and take them into consideration in emergency planning;

6. *Further encourages* States parties to further strengthen international cooperation to prevent and fight corruption, including, where appropriate, during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, by making use of and sharing experiences, best practices and lessons learned through the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), as well as other relevant existing networks and forums, as applicable;

7. *Requests* the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption to include, as a topic for discussion at its next meeting, “Strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery”, in line with the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in close cooperation with bilateral and multilateral technical assistance providers, such as the International Anti-Corruption Academy, to continue to provide technical assistance to States parties, upon request, on the basis of priorities and needs and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, in implementing the relevant provisions of the present resolution;

9. *Requests* the secretariat to submit to the Conference at its eleventh session a report containing relevant updates with respect to the experiences and best practices, challenges and successes of States parties in the prevention of and the fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, in line with Conference resolution 9/1, as well as on the progress made and challenges encountered in implementing the present resolution;

10. *Invites* States parties and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for the purposes specified in the present resolution, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations.

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