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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [FunctionalTitle] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to General Assembly resolution 58/4 of 31 October 2003 entitled “United Nations Convention against Corruption”.

Pursuant to article 63 of the Convention, a Conference of the States Parties to the Convention has been established to improve the capacity of and cooperation between States Parties and to promote and review the implementation of this Convention.

The Government is cordially invited to participate in the third session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which will be held at the Conference Center supplement of Doha Sheraton Hotel and Resort, Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 13 November 2009.

Pursuant to the decisions taken by the Conference at its second session, the Conference is expected to concentrate on key issues regarding review of the implementation of the Convention, asset recovery and technical assistance. The Conference is expected to make important decisions on the way forward in all of these issues, but also offer a unique opportunity to anti-corruption policymakers and practitioners to exchange views on practical matters. Accordingly, the Government is encouraged to ensure an appropriately high level of representation and include in its delegation policymakers and experts on the issues to be covered by the Conference.

The provisional agenda approved by the Conference of the States Parties at its second session is  
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Documentation including the annotated provisional agenda and a detailed programme of work, the programme of special events that might be organized at the Conference, as well as relevant arrangements for the Conference, including an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements, will be available electronically in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and may be accessed through the following address:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/CAC-COSP-session3.html>

Rule 18, entitled “Submission of credentials”, of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the States Parties provides that the credentials of representatives of each State Party and the names of the persons constituting the State party’s delegation shall be submitted to the secretariat if possible not later than twenty-four hours in advance of the opening of the session.

The rules of procedure also provide that the credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or Government, by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations of the State party in accordance with its domestic law or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization.

It would be appreciated if the credentials of representatives of each State Party and the names of the persons constituting the State Party’s delegation could be sent directly to the secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43-1 26060 6711; or an advanced scanned copy to email: [uncac.cop@unodc.org](mailto:uncac.cop@unodc.org).

The Secretariat also wishes to recall its Circular CU 2009/25 of 17 February 2009 informing Governments that the third session of the Conference of the States Parties will be preceded by the Global Forum VI on Fighting Corruption and Safeguarding Integrity (Doha, 7-8 November 2009), which the Government of Qatar will also be hosting. Invitations to the Global Forum VI will be issued by the Government of Qatar shortly.

30 April 2009

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## **Annex II**

### **Provisional agenda for the third session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

1. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Opening of the third session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work;
  - (d) Participation of observers;
  - (e) Adoption of the report of the Bureau on credentials;
  - (f) General discussion.
2. Review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption:
  - (a) Expert consultations on the prevention of corruption;
  - (b) Expert consultations on criminalization;
  - (c) Expert consultations on international cooperation.
3. Asset recovery.
4. Technical assistance.
5. Consideration of the issue of bribery of officials of public international organizations.
6. Other matters.
7. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Conference.
8. Adoption of the report of the Conference on its third session.

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