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## INFORMATION CIRCULAR

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime presents its compliments to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and wishes to inform them that, pursuant to article 63 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, 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.

In accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, the Secretariat wishes to draw the organization's attention to the forthcoming fourth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, which will be held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 28 October 2011.

Rule 16 of the rules of procedure provides that, subject to prior written notification to the Secretary-General, representatives of entities and organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate as observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, representatives of United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds, as well as representatives of functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, shall be entitled to participate as observers in the deliberations of the Conference. Rule 16 further provides that representatives of any other relevant intergovernmental organization may also apply to the bureau for observer status, which shall be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference.

Rule 17 of the rules of procedure provides that relevant non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council may apply to the bureau for observer status, which should be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference.

Rule 17, paragraph 2, provides that other relevant non-governmental organizations may also apply to the bureau for observer status. The Secretariat shall circulate as a document a list of such organizations with sufficient information at least 30 days prior to the Conference. If there is no objection to a non-governmental organization, observer status should be accorded unless otherwise decided by the Conference. If there is an objection, the matter will be referred to the Conference for a decision.

**Communications of interest should be sent directly to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, A-1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43-1 26060 6711, email: [uncac.cop@unodc.org](mailto:uncac.cop@unodc.org) , as soon as possible but not later than 29 July 2011.**

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