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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [...] 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, to achieve the objectives set forth in the Convention and to promote and review its implementation.

The Government is cordially invited to participate in the **fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**, which will be held at the **Atlapa Convention Center, Panama City, Panama, from 25 to 29 November 2013**.

Pursuant to the decisions taken by the Conference at its fourth session, the Conference is expected to concentrate on key issues regarding review of the implementation of the Convention, asset recovery, prevention and technical assistance. In keeping with past practice, the general discussion of the Conference will serve as an opportunity for high-level representatives to address the Conference, providing guidance for its deliberations and the achievement of its objectives. In view of the importance given by the host Government to the event, the significance of the matters to be discussed by the Conference and the need to reach key decisions, the Government is encouraged to be represented at the highest possible political level and to 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 fourth session is attached.
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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 and 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 at the following address:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/CAC-COSP-session5.html>

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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 5841; or an advanced scanned copy to e-mail: uncac.cop@unodc.org. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The Secretary-General also wishes to inform the Government that the fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties will be preceded by the Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of International Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), which the Government of Panama will also be hosting. This event will be held in Panama City on 22 and 24 November 2013.

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