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SPECIAL EVENT

Making the UNCAC Review more Effective

**2 November 2015, 12.00-14.00
Conference Room D, Pavilion 7**

I. INTRODUCTION

Representatives of the government, civil society and UNODC will present and discuss proposals for enhancing the review mechanism to ensure that UNCAC reviews produce meaningful results. The event is intended to foster discussion and will provide ample time for contributions from the audience.

A key focus of the upcoming CoSP will be the UNCAC review mechanism, its mechanics and how it could be improved. The success of the UNCAC ultimately depends on the effectiveness of its review mechanism.

The mechanism has thus far exceeded expectations both in terms of how the process is conducted and the quality of the outputs. Nevertheless, all parties to the Convention are still on a learning curve and there is much room for improvement.

This side event brings together a number of actors with a particular interest in the mechanism from various perspectives. They will present proposals for its improvement and discuss with interested participants, complementing the closed door informal processes where future plans will also be discussed.

II. PANELLISTS

Moderator:

Angela Reitmaier, chair of the Working Group on International Agreements at Transparency International Germany

Speakers:

Stefan Flückiger, Ambassador, Head of the Sectoral Foreign Policies Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland, Head of the Swiss Delegation to the COSP

Manzoor Hasan, Chair of the UNCAC Coalition

Lilian Ekeanyanwu, Head of Technical Unit on Governance and Anti-Corruption Reforms (TUGAR), Nigeria

Valentina Valdez Jasso, Ministry of Public Administration, Director of Anti-Corruption Conventions, Mexico

Mirella Dummar Frahi, Civil Affairs Officer, Team leader Civil society team, UNODC

III. FORMAT AND AGENDA

Each panellist will deliver a 5 minutes presentation/speech. These are followed by a moderated discussion in which the audience is also invited to take part. The discussed issues will include:

- (1) Timetable for starting the 2nd cycle of the review process
- (2) Subject matter coverage of the 2nd cycle
- (3) Transparency and participation
- (4) Follow-up each review cycle
- (5) How to use outcomes of the reviews to provide technical assistance
- (6) Good practice of comparable review mechanisms

IV. PUBLICATIONS

Transparency International: UN Convention against Corruption: Progress Report 2013