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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its 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 **eighth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**, which will be held at the **Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from 16 to 20 December 2019**.

Pursuant to the decisions taken by the Conference at its seventh session, the Conference is expected to concentrate on key issues regarding the review of the implementation of the Convention, asset recovery, international cooperation, 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 and provide guidance for its deliberations and the achievement of its objectives. In view of 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 documentation for the eighth session of the Conference, 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 an information note for participants regarding administrative details and other arrangements, will be made available electronically in all the official United Nations languages on the webpage of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at the following link:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/COSP/session8.html>

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The provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Conference, as agreed at informal consultations held on 28 February 2019 in Vienna, is enclosed hereto (annex).

Rule 18, entitled “Submission of credentials”, of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the States Parties provides, inter alia, 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.

That rule also provides 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 as soon as possible 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 advance scanned copy to e-mail: [uncac@un.org](mailto:uncac@un.org) **not later than 15 October 2019**. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the [...] the assurances of its highest considerations.

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**Annex**

**Provisional agenda for the eighth session of the  
Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**  
(as agreed at informal consultations on 28 February 2019)

1. Organizational matters:
    - (a) Opening of the eighth session of the Conference;
    - (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.
  3. Technical assistance.
  4. Prevention.
  5. Asset recovery.
  6. International cooperation.
  7. Special session of the General Assembly against corruption.
  8. Other matters:
    - (a) Implementation of article 63, subparagraphs 4 (c) and (d), concerning cooperation with relevant international and regional organizations and mechanisms and non-governmental organizations and appropriate use of relevant information produced by other international and regional mechanisms for combating and preventing corruption in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of work;
    - (b) Status of ratification of and notification requirements under the Convention;
    - (c) Any other matters, including consideration of the venue for the tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties.
  9. Provisional agenda for the ninth session.
  10. Adoption of the report.
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