CONFERENCE OF THE STATE PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

You are Invited to Special Event on

"Corruption and Investor-State Disputes – UNCAC Perspective"

Abu Dhabi, 17 December 2019
the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre, Meeting Room CR 6
13.00-14.00

Programme:

- *Introductory remarks* – Mr. Vladimir Kozin, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

- *Corruption and Investor-State disputes Current Practical Issues* – Prof. Yarik Kryvoi, Director of the Investment Treaty Forum, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

- *Corruption - Overview of Select Issues in ICSID Arbitration* - Mr. Paul-Jean Le Cannu, Legal Counsel, ICSID

- *National Experience of Indonesia* – Mr. Ferry Wibisono, Deputy Attorney General of Civil & Administrative Affairs, Attorney General's Office, Indonesia

- *The role of Tribunals and Courts: Taking Red Flags Seriously* – Mr. Amankali Sagatov, Advisor, Ministry of Justice of Kazakhstan

- *UNCITRAL's Work on Reform of ISDS and Its Relevance* -Mr. Jae Sung LEE, Legal Officer, UNCITRAL

- *References to UNCAC in Investor-State Disputes, Perspective from Counsel* - Mr. Aloysius Llamzon, Senior Associate, King & Spalding

- *How UNCAC Could be Relevant and What Could be Done to Address the Ongoing Issues from its Perspective?* - Mr. Vladimir Kozin, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

- Questions and answers

  Moderators: Mr. Vladimir Kozin, Prof. Yarik Kryvoi

Goals and expected outcome:

The issue of corruption in Investor-State disputes has become increasingly important as evidenced by the practice of investor-State tribunals and scholarly publications. It has already been noted at the meetings of some of the Working Groups of the Conference. Yet until now, no systematic attempt has been made to look at this issue in the context of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). Importantly, UNCAC has been increasingly referred to in bilateral investment treaties (BITs) as a standard to which parties to BITs shall adhere.

The event jointly convened by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Corruption and the Investment Treaty Forum of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law will focus on different perspectives of the relevance of the Convention to this area. Important stakeholders will share their views and will take questions from the audience to examine whether and how the issue of corruption in investor-State disputes could be addressed.

It will also provide an opportunity to look at potential synergies between the work of UNODC and other relevant international organizations. The event may further serve as a proving ground to seek the States Parties' guidance on whether this topic deserves further consideration, including under the auspices of the Conference.

The working language of the event will be English. The attendance is open to all Conference participants.