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Competent national authorities designated under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (as of 1 December 2021)

The present document provides statistics with regard to the notifications submitted by States parties of the following competent national authorities under the United Nations Convention against Corruption: prevention authorities (pursuant to article 6, paragraph 3 of the Convention); central authorities on mutual legal assistance (pursuant to article 46, paragraph 13 of the Convention); asset recovery focal points (pursuant to resolution 4/4 of the Conference of the States Parties); central authorities on extradition (pursuant to a recommendation by the fifth Open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting on international cooperation); and focal points for international cooperation in the use of civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption (pursuant to resolution 6/4 of the Conference).

1. The secretariat collects official notifications made by States parties of their designated competent national authorities under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, namely:

Any new notifications or amendments to the existing notifications of competent national authorities should be sent through an official note verbale and using the prepared templates (to be downloaded from www.unodc.org/comppauth_uncac/en/index.html) to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria or to the email address: uncac@un.org.

- **Prevention authorities** that may assist other States parties in developing and implementing specific measures for the prevention of corruption (pursuant to article 6, paragraph 3 of the Convention);
- **Central authorities on mutual legal assistance** that have the responsibility and power to receive requests for mutual legal assistance and either to execute them or to transmit them to the competent authorities for execution (pursuant to article 46, paragraph 13 of the Convention);
- **Asset recovery focal points** that facilitate international cooperation in cases relating to asset recovery (pursuant to resolution 4/4 of the Conference of the States Parties);



- **Central authorities on extradition** that facilitate international cooperation in extradition (pursuant to a recommendation by the fifth Open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting on international cooperation); and
 - **Focal points in the use of civil and administrative proceedings** that facilitate international cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings relating to corruption (pursuant to resolution 6/4 of the Conference).
2. The secretariat disseminates notifications received through the password-protected Online Directory of Competent National Authorities (CNA Directory) in the portal of “Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC)” (<https://sherloc.unodc.org/cld/en/st/cna/CNA.html>¹). The Directory provides an easy and reliable access to information of designated competent authorities, including their names, contact details, contact persons, possible languages for requests, legal and procedural requirements and description of procedures.
3. In order to make the Directory a reliable and comprehensive tool, the secretariat continues to encourage States parties to provide notifications of their designated authorities. Those States parties that have already notified the secretariat of their designated competent national authorities are encouraged to review the accuracy of the information available in the Directory and to inform the secretariat of any changes.
4. As of 1 December 2021, the Directory contains information on the following authorities:
- **Prevention authorities** designated by **120 States**;
 - **Central authorities for mutual legal assistance** designated by **133 States**;
 - **Asset recovery focal points** designated by **86 States**;
 - **Central authorities for extradition** designated by **32 States**; and
 - **Focal points in the use of civil and administrative proceedings** relating to corruption designated by **35 States**.

¹ The CNA Directory is a joint database, listing over one thousand competent national authorities designated under:

- (1) The 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances;
- (2) The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;
- (3) The United Nations Convention against Corruption and
- (4) Other applicable legal instruments, such as Security Council resolution [2322 \(2016\)](#), General Assembly resolution [68/186](#) and decisions 3/2 and 4/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.