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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 **ninth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption**, which will be held in person at the **International Congress Centre, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, from 13 to 17 December 2021**. Necessary technology for remote participation will also be available to allow for the Conference to be as inclusive as possible.

In accordance with the provisional agenda for the ninth session, which was adopted by the Conference at its eighth session (annex), the Conference is expected to focus on key issues, such as, *inter alia*, 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 ninth 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 web page of UNODC at the following link:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/COSP/session9.html>

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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.

Advance scanned copies of credentials should be sent by email to the secretariat of the Conference (uncac@un.org). Starting at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 12 December 2021, original credentials of representatives of each State party and the names of the persons constituting the State party’s delegation should be submitted to the office of the secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, located at the International Congress Centre.

The INDICO registration system will be used for registering delegates for participation. The registration for the session is open and accessible through the following link:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/corruption/registration/cosp9/>

The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded to the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address, photo, in-person or online participation). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded to INDICO. In line with requirements by the Host Country, delegates are requested to complete the registration process as early as possible before the Conference and not later than **12 November 2021**. The Government is therefore kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates as soon as possible, to enable them to observe the registration deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. The secretariat will be able to accommodate requests for registrations after this date only in exceptional cases.

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