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The Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [xxx] and has the honour to invite the Government to participate in the **eighth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting on international cooperation**, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, on **31 May 2019 (M Plenary, M-Building)**.

The Expert Meeting was established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 4/2, entitled “Convening of open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation”. In accordance with resolution 7/1 entitled “Strengthening mutual legal assistance for international cooperation and asset recovery” and in line with the recommendations issued by the sixth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting, the Conference decided that the meeting should continue its work by exchanging information on best practices and challenges on, inter alia: (a) Common reasons for refusals and delays in mutual legal assistance requests related to corruption offences under the Convention, with a view to proposing innovative solutions; (b) International cooperation in civil and administrative proceedings related to cases of corruption and possible measures to protect the confidentiality of the information provided in the context of assistance in criminal, civil and administrative measures.

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work, will be electronically available in all the official languages of the United Nations on the web page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and can be accessed through the following addresses:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/EM-InternationalCooperation/session8.html> or
<http://myconference.unov.org>

Enclosed is a copy of an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements.

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It would be appreciated if the Government's response to this invitation could be sent 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, or a scanned copy to e-mail: uncac@un.org Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details (e-mail address), should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than **10 May 2019**.

25 March 2019