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## Open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption

Vienna, 7–11 November 2022

### Annotated provisional agenda

#### Provisional agenda

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#### Annotations

##### 1. Opening of the meeting.

The eleventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be opened on Monday, 7 November 2022, at 10 a.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Plenary Room M. Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned that the meeting will be held in person, with limited opportunities to deliver statements remotely through an online platform. Further information on the format of the meeting will be communicated in due course and will be made available on the website of the meeting.

##### 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the meeting was prepared in accordance with resolutions 8/2, 8/6, 9/1, 9/2 and 9/5 of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference for the period 2022–2023, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference on 1 March 2022, in order to enable consideration of agenda items 3 and 4 jointly with the Implementation Review Group and the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.



### **3. Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption: lessons learned, good practices and challenges**

In paragraph 8 of its resolution 8/2, the Conference called upon States parties to further promote, facilitate and support international cooperation and technical assistance in the prevention of and fight against corruption, in line with article 1 (b) of the Convention against Corruption, with a view to facilitating the implementation of article 43 of the Convention.

Further, in line with Conference resolutions 8/1, 8/2 and 8/6 and the recommendations agreed at the eighth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention, held on 31 May 2019 (see CAC/COSP/EG.1/2019/4), States parties were encouraged to continue to provide to the secretariat information on challenges and good practices in international cooperation and with respect to other topics outlined in Conference resolutions and the recommendations of the expert meetings so that the secretariat could continue its analytical work with regard to challenges in international cooperation on the basis of the Convention and on the implementation of chapter IV.

In line with the recommendations of the eighth expert meeting, States parties were encouraged to share information on their legal requirements for international cooperation, as well as statistical information and examples relevant to international cooperation in transnational corruption cases.

At the eleventh expert meeting, the secretariat will provide an update on progress made in the implementation of the above-mentioned mandates. Further information is contained in the note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2022/2).

In addition, a panel discussion will be organized, in accordance with paragraphs 23 and 24 of resolution 9/1, entitled “Sharm el-Sheikh declaration on strengthening international cooperation in the prevention of and fight against corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery”, with a view to developing non-binding guidelines in this area.

To facilitate the deliberations of the expert meeting on this topic, the secretariat has prepared a conference room paper on best practices and challenges concerning international cooperation in combating corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2022/CRP.1).

States parties may wish to come prepared to discuss their national experience and efforts in this area and the topics outlined in the questionnaire annexed to the note verbale circulated by the secretariat on 27 July 2022, including examples of measures they have taken to further prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption, whether domestic or transnational, during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery, including through international cooperation.

Under agenda item 3, the secretariat will also provide information on tools and services to promote international cooperation, including the online directory of competent national authorities and on international anti-corruption law enforcement cooperation, including the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 9/5 on enhancing international anti-corruption law enforcement cooperation.

Agenda item 3 will be discussed together with items 4 and 5 of the agenda for the second resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and items 2 to 5 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.

## **Documentation**

Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/EG.1/2022/2)

### **4. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation**

At its special session held from 2 to 4 June 2021, the General Assembly adopted the political declaration entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation”. In the political declaration, Member States, inter alia, committed to implementing that political declaration and invited the Conference, as the treaty body with prime responsibility for promoting and reviewing the implementation of the Convention, to follow up and build on the declaration.

Furthermore, in its resolution 9/2, entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthening international cooperation: follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly against corruption”, the Conference directed its subsidiary bodies, within their mandates, to take appropriate measures to follow up on the political declaration.

Accordingly, under the present item, the expert meeting is expected to discuss appropriate measures to follow up on the political declaration.

To facilitate the deliberations of the expert meeting on this topic, the secretariat will update the meeting on the responses submitted by States Parties in response to the note verbale circulated by the secretariat on 18 July 2022, seeking information on measures taken to implement the Convention and to achieve the commitments contained in the political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanisms under the Convention.

Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 6 of the agenda for the second resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and item 6 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.

### **5. Adoption of the report**

The eleventh expert meeting is to adopt a report, the draft of which will be prepared by the secretariat.

## Annex

## Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Monday, 7 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1	Opening of the meeting
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3–6 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup>
<b>Tuesday, 8 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
3–6 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
<b>Wednesday, 9 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
3–6 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
<b>Thursday, 10 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
3–6 p.m.	3	Implementation of chapter IV of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ( <i>continued</i> ) <sup>a</sup>
<b>Friday, 11 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation <sup>b</sup>
3–6 p.m.	5	Adoption of the report

<sup>a</sup> Agenda item 3 will be discussed together with items 4 and 5 of the agenda for the second resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, and items 2 to 5 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.

<sup>b</sup> Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 6 of the agenda for the second resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, and item 6 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.