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(11th open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to cordially invite the Government to participate in the **eleventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, to be held in the M-Plenary, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **7 to 11 November 2022**.

In its resolution 4/2, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption decided to convene open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation. The functions of the meetings are to assist it in developing cumulative knowledge in the area of international cooperation and encourage such cooperation, facilitate the exchange of experiences among States parties and assist the Conference in identifying the capacity-building needs of States.

In accordance with the workplan for subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which was adopted by the Conference at its ninth session held in December 2021, the thematic focus of the eleventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation will be on “Strengthening international and multilateral cooperation to further prevent, identify, investigate and prosecute corruption during times of emergencies and crisis response and recovery”, with a view to developing non-binding guidelines in this area. Moreover, the expert meeting is expected to discuss appropriate measures to enhance international cooperation, including through a follow-up on the UNGASS political declaration, entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation” (the provisional agenda is contained in the Annex).

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

[11th session Expert Meeting on International Cooperation \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/meetings/11th-session-expert-meeting-on-international-cooperation)
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned for the session to be held in person. While registered delegates will be able to observe the proceedings online through the Interpretify platform, there will be only very limited opportunities to deliver statements remotely. To facilitate the work of the interpreters, during each three-hour meeting, only 30 minutes will be allotted to statements delivered remotely by online participants. To avoid technical problems, the Government is encouraged, to the degree possible, to ensure that statements are delivered by the representatives present in the meeting room.

Arrangements have also been made to allow for pre-recorded video statements. Such pre-recorded video statements will not be counted towards the 30 minute limit for online participation per meeting, but, in line with a decision by the President of the Conference, must be limited to three minutes to ensure that all delegations have an opportunity to contribute to the discussions. All pre-recorded video statements, including transcripts, should be submitted by Thursday, 27 October 2022.

Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session and to adhere to the recommendations for the submission of pre-recorded statements available on the website of the meeting. Pre-recorded video statements (including transcripts) or written statements should be submitted via email to uncac@un.org and unov.conference@un.org, including a subject line in the following format “11th EMIC statement – [country name] [agenda item number]”.

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

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/corruption/registration/november-2022-uncac-meetings/>

The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded in the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address, in-person or online participation). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded in INDICO. The Government is kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates to enable them to complete the registration process as soon as possible and not later than 30 October 2022 and to observe the deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Regretfully, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after that date.

The eleventh open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation, second resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and sixteenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery under the United Nations Convention against Corruption are to hold joint meetings on thematic and technical assistance matters (Ref.: CU 2022/302(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS and CU 2022/303(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS). In view of the joint meetings and due to technical reasons, the Government is requested to issue only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation for the three meetings. The registration for the joint meetings is set up as one event in INDICO.

The secretariat will continue to monitor the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide timely updates to registered participants and on the website of the session with respect to any necessary changes to the above arrangements and possible restrictions affecting access to the Vienna International Centre.

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