The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [[[[FunctionalTitle2]]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolution 5/1 of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) on “Enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement cooperation in the detection of corruption offences in the framework of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, adopted at the fifth session of the Conference in Panama in 2013.

In this resolution, the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC decided that, in order to ensure the effective use of resources, on a provisional basis and without prejudice to their independent status and mandates, the next open-ended intergovernmental meeting of experts on international cooperation under the UNCAC shall be held back-to-back with the corresponding Working Group on International Cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), when feasible, at separate times and at the same venue.

In accordance with the above resolution, the Government is cordially invited to participate in the third open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting on international cooperation, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 9 to 10 October 2014.

The meeting will take place immediately after the completion of the fifth meeting of the corresponding Working Group on International Cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), which will be held as part of the proceedings of the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to that Convention.

In view of the cross-cutting issues for discussion in both meetings, the Government may wish to take all appropriate measures to enable the participation of its national experts in both the UNTOC working group and the UNCAC expert meeting.
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:
http://myconference.unov.org

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

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, Fax: +43-1 26060 5841, or a scanned copy to e-mail: UNCAC.COP@unodc.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 12 September 2014.

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