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(14th session of the Implementation Review Group)

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to cordially invite the Government to participate in the **fourteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, to be held in Boardroom B/M1, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **12 to 16 June 2023**.

The Implementation Review Group was established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 3/1, entitled “Review mechanism”, as an open-ended intergovernmental group of States parties to operate under its authority and report to it. The Group is to have an overview of the review process and to identify challenges and good practices and to consider technical assistance requirements, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

The proposed organization of work for the fourteenth session (enclosed annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference, in order to enable consideration of agenda items 4, 5 and 6 jointly with the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption. The thematic focus of the fourteenth session will be on chapters II (Preventive measures) and III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention.

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work, will be available electronically in all the official languages of the United Nations on the web pages of UNODC at:

[14th session of the Implementation Review Group \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org)
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

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The session will be held in person with a possibility to observe the proceedings online through the Interprefy platform. 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. The Government is thus 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. In line with a decision by the President of the Conference, pre-recorded video statements 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, **1 June 2023**.

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 “14th IRG 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/june-2023-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 1 June 2023 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.

In view of the joint meetings of the fourteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and the fourteenth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption (Ref.: CU 2023/86(A)/DTA/CEB/TSS), the Government is requested to issue only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation for both meetings. The registration for the joint meetings is set up as one event in INDICO.

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