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The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to invite the Government to participate in the **thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group**, to be held in **Boardroom B/M1, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **13 to 17 June 2022**.

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 in order to identify challenges and good practices and to consider technical assistance requirements in order to ensure effective implementation of the Convention.

The proposed organization of work for the thirteenth session (enclosed annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies 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. Moreover, the thematic focus of the thirteenth session will be on chapter II (Preventive measures) and chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention.

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work, will be electronically available in all the official languages of the United Nations and can be accessed through the following addresses:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/IRG/session13.html>

or

<http://myconference.unov.org>

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Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned that the session will 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. Therefore, to assist the work of the interpreters and to avoid technical problems, the Government is encouraged, to the degree possible, to ensure that the statements are delivered by the representatives present in the Boardroom. Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of general national statements in written format (email to: uncac@un.org, indicating “13th IRG National statement – [country name]”) for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session (<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/IRG/session13.html>). More detailed information on the format of the session will be available on the website of the session.

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-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 **8 June 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 thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group and the thirteenth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption are to hold **joint meetings** on thematic and technical assistance matters (Ref.: CU 2022/121(A)/DTA/CEB/ISS). 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 both 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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