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(12th session of the Implementation Review Group)

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to cordially invite the Government to participate in the **twelfth session of the Implementation Review Group**, which will be held in a hybrid format (**in person and online**), **in the M-Plenary, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **14 to 18 June 2021**.

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.

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 eighth session held in December 2019, and the subsequent recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference, made in view of circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the thematic focus of the twelfth session of the Group will be on prevention, and criminalization and law enforcement (the provisional agenda is contained in the Annex).

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

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/IRG/session12.html>
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

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The Government is hereby informed that **two** representatives per delegation will be able to attend the sessions in person in the M-Plenary. Representatives will also have a possibility to attend the sessions in an online format, using the Interprefy platform. Due to technical limitations, the Government is advised that only **one delegate participating remotely per delegation may be assigned a speaker role** on the Interprefy platform and **up to three delegates may be assigned observer roles**. In determining the composition of the delegation, the Government is encouraged to also take into account considerations of gender balance.

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

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/registration/june-2021-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 and speaker or observer role). 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 **9 June 2021** 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 twelfth session of the Implementation Review Group and the twelfth 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 2021/202(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS and CU 2021/203(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.

In order 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 M-plenary for those delegations that will participate in person. Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of general national statements in written format (email to: uncac@un.org) for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session (<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/IRG/session12.html>).

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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**Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the
Implementation Review Group**

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the session;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.
3. Financial and budgetary matters.
4. State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.
 - (a) Exchange of information, practices and experiences gained in the implementation of the Convention;
 - (b) Thematic discussion.
5. Technical assistance.
6. Other matters.
7. Provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group.
8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its twelfth session.