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Addendum

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the session

The second resumed tenth session of the Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption will be convened on Tuesday, 17 December, at 3 p.m., at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The agenda of the tenth session of the Implementation Review Group was adopted by the Group during the first part of its tenth session, held from 27 to 29 May 2019. The proposed organization of work for the second resumed tenth session (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance provided by the Conference and the Group in order to enable consideration of the agenda items within the time and resources available.

The resources available will permit the holding of two plenary meetings with interpretation in the six languages of the United Nations.

2. Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

In accordance with the multi-year workplan for the analytical work of the Implementation Review Group covering the period 2017–2019 (CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.2), the thematic focus of the second resumed tenth session will be on chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement) and chapter IV (International cooperation) of the Convention.

States parties are therefore encouraged to provide under the present agenda item further information on successes, good practices, challenges, technical assistance needs and measures taken after the completion of the country reviews under the first review cycle.

Working methods of the Implementation Review Group

In its decision 7/1, the Conference, inter alia, invited States parties represented at the meetings of the Implementation Review Group to share their impressions on the implementation of the workplan and on any impact of the workplan on the attendance



of experts, and requested the Secretariat to report on those contributions to the Conference at its eighth session.

Accordingly, on 4 June 2019, the Secretariat issued a note verbale to States parties inviting them to submit comments on the workplan by 27 August 2019. The workplan referenced in Conference decision 7/1, as contained in conference room paper CAC/COSP/IRG/2017/CRP.2, was annexed to the note verbale. In that note, Governments were also informed that the workplan of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference contained in the aforementioned conference room paper had replaced the prior organization of work, according to which the Implementation Review Group used to hold one regular and one resumed session per year, with the meetings of the Working Group on Asset Recovery and the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption being held back-to-back in a stand-alone format, and with the open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption being convened either during the sessions of the Conference or, to the degree possible, back-to-back with sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

Under the present agenda item, the Implementation Review Group will have the opportunity to consider the responses submitted by States parties pursuant to Conference decision 7/1, as contained in the relevant note by the Secretariat (CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/12).

At the first resumed tenth session, held in September 2019, speakers welcomed efforts to improve the working methods of the Implementation Review Group, to better structure its discussions and to plan future sessions of the Group and the other subsidiary bodies of the Conference. In addition, at that session, the Chair encouraged delegations to hold informal consultations on the draft provisional agenda of the eleventh session of the Group, as well as on ways of improving the working methods of all subsidiary bodies of the Conference, and the workplan of those bodies for the period 2020–2021 (see also agenda item 7 below), prior to the eighth session of the Conference.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on progress on the activities and working methods of the Implementation Review Group (CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/12)

Executive summary of country review reports (CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.8)

3. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption

Drawing of lots

At the intersessional meeting held on 24 May 2019, lots were drawn for the selection of States parties under review and reviewing States parties, in accordance with paragraphs 14 and 19 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

At the second resumed tenth session, lots may be drawn to select the reviewing States parties for any States parties requesting redraws. Lots may also be drawn to select the reviewing States parties for the States parties under review in the fourth year of the first review cycle that became parties to the Convention after the previous drawing of lots.

Progress made in the conduct of country reviews

In its decision 5/1, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Implementation Review Group would include in its future sessions an agenda item allowing for discussion of relevant information collected, with the support of the Secretariat, in order to facilitate the assessment of the performance of the

Implementation Review Mechanism, in accordance with paragraph 48 of the terms of reference, following the completion of the first review cycle.

In this context, the Secretariat will inform the Implementation Review Group about the progress made in the conduct of the reviews in the first and second review cycles since the first resumed tenth session. The update will focus on the responses received to the self-assessment checklist, the direct dialogues held, the executive summaries and the country review reports that have been finalized and the country review reports that have been made available on the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Synergies with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms

In its resolution 6/1, the Conference called upon the Secretariat to continue to explore and, where appropriate, enhance synergies, in coordination and cooperation with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption. Subsequently, in its resolution 7/4, the Conference requested the Secretariat, within its mandate outlined in Conference resolution 6/1 and in accordance with the Convention and the terms of reference of the Implementation Review Mechanism, to continue its dialogue with States parties and with the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption, with a view to facilitating and enhancing synergies, where appropriate, enhancing the performance of the review mechanisms and, in consultation with States parties, developing and disseminating anti-corruption tools and products, avoiding duplication of effort, limiting the burden on States parties that were reviewed under different review mechanisms with similar thematic areas and ensuring the cost-effectiveness of the mechanisms, and also requested the Secretariat to report back to the Implementation Review Group on progress made in this regard. Accordingly, the Group will have before it a report of the Secretariat on progress on the implementation of Conference resolution 7/4 on enhancing synergies between relevant multilateral organizations responsible for review mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption (CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/11).

In addition, under the present agenda item, a panel including representatives of the secretariats of other relevant multilateral mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption will be convened.

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on progress on the implementation of resolution 7/4 of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption on enhancing synergies between relevant multilateral organizations responsible for review mechanisms in the field of anti-corruption (CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/11)

5. Financial and budgetary matters

At its second resumed tenth session, the Implementation Review Group may wish to consider the information included in the note by the Secretariat containing budgetary information on expenditure incurred so far for the operation of the Implementation Review Mechanism, resources received at the time of writing, both from the regular budget and from voluntary contributions, projected expenditure for the first and second cycles and the impact of the current shortfall on resource requirements for the functioning of the Mechanism (CAC/COSP/2019/15).

6. Other matters

The Implementation Review Group may wish to discuss any other matters.

7. Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group

During the first part of its tenth session, the Implementation Review Group considered the draft provisional agenda of its eleventh session (CAC/COSP/IRG/2019/L.2), as well as a proposal submitted by Switzerland that had been brought to the attention of

States parties through a note verbale issued on 2 April 2019. The Group agreed to continue its deliberations on the draft provisional agenda at its first resumed tenth session.

At the first resumed tenth session, the Group agreed to continue its deliberations on the draft provisional agenda at its second resumed tenth session, while also taking into account any decisions that the Conference might take on the future programme of work of the Group. Owing to the limited time available for discussions during the second resumed tenth session, the Chair encouraged delegations to hold informal consultations on the draft provisional agenda, as well as on ways of improving the working methods of all subsidiary bodies of the Conference, and the workplan of those bodies for the period 2020–2021, prior to the eighth session of the Conference.

8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its second resumed tenth session

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its second resumed tenth session.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Tuesday, 17 December 2019		
3–6 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Review of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
	3	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
Wednesday, 18 December 2019		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5	Financial and budgetary matters
	6	Other matters
	7	Provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group
	8	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its second resumed tenth session