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Reference: CU 2010/41(A) Implementation Review Group

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [...] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolution 3/1 entitled “Review mechanism” of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, adopted at its third session, held in Doha from 9 to 13 November 2009.

Pursuant to paragraph 2 of this resolution, the Conference adopted the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the Convention, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 7, of the Convention.

Further, the Conference established the Implementation Review Group as an open-ended intergovernmental group of States parties to operate under its authority and report to it (see subsection IV.C of Annex I of resolution 3/1). The Implementation Review Group shall 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. On the basis of its deliberations, the Implementation Review Group shall submit recommendations and conclusions to the Conference for its consideration and approval. It shall furthermore be in charge of following up and continuing the work undertaken previously by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance.

The Government is cordially invited to participate in the **inaugural meeting of the Implementation Review Group**, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from **28 June to 2 July 2010**. The meeting is expected to concentrate on key issues regarding the review mechanism and to make important decisions on the way forward. The provisional agenda of the meeting is attached.

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To enable the Implementation Review Group to conduct its work and to ensure the commencement of the review process, the Secretariat has requested Governments to appoint their governmental experts for the purpose of the review process (see notes CU 2010/4 of 26 January 2010 and CU 2010/25 of 26 February 2010). The Secretariat wishes to reemphasize the importance of drawing up the list of experts well in advance of the first meeting of the Implementation Review Group.

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Conference of the States Parties at its third session are electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and can be accessed through the following address:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/CAC-COSP-session3-resolutions.html>

Documentation including the annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work will be electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and can be accessed through the following address:

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..... 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 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 **14 June 2010**.

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