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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.

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 sub-section 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 as an observer in the **second session of the Implementation Review Group**, which will be held in Vienna, Austria. **Please note that as per decision taken by the Implementation Review Group at its resumed first session, signatory/observers' participation is limited to the agenda items on technical assistance and on financial and budgetary matters scheduled for 1 and 2 June 2011 respectively. The remainder of the meeting will be restricted to participation of States parties to the Convention.**

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<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/IRG-sessions.html>

..... 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 email: UNCAC.COP@unodc.org Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by email. Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details (email address), should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than **16 May 2011**.

21 March 2011

