

Reference: CU 2020/279(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS

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 first resumed **eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group** which will be held in a hybrid format (**in person and virtual**) in Vienna from **31 August to 2 September 2020 (morning) in M Plenary, M-Building**.

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 first resumed eleventh session of the Group will be on prevention, as well as criminalization and law enforcement (the provisional agenda is contained in the Annex).

Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and the revised 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/session11-first-resumed.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, M Building, Vienna International Centre. Representatives will also have a possibility to attend the sessions in a virtual format, using the Interprefy platform. Due to technical limitations, the Government is advised that only one remote delegate per delegation may be assigned a speaker role on the Interprefy platform.

Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, should include the following:

- (a) name(s);
- (b) title(s);
- (c) contact details **including individual email addresses** (which will be used to grant and verify virtual access to the session and, for those participating in person, for contact tracing purposes if needed (the VIC Meeting Guidelines: Covid-2019 are enclosed));
- (d) a clear indication of whether delegates will participate in person or remotely;
- (e) and for those participating remotely the **role to be assigned to each delegate (speaker or observer role)**.

The information should be provided to the secretariat as soon as possible and not later than **24 August 2020**. Governments are kindly requested to observe the deadline in order to enable 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 this date. In determining the composition of the delegation, the Government is encouraged to also take into account considerations of gender balance.

The first resumed eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group and the eleventh 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 2020/280(A)/DTA/CEB/ISS). In view of the joint meetings and due to technical constraints, the Government is requested to submit only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation to both the Implementation Review Group and the Working Group on Prevention of Corruption.

It should be noted that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. 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, PO Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43 1 26060 5841, or a scanned copy to email: uncac@un.org.

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 for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session (<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/IRG/session11-first->

[resumed.html](#)). Additional information on the exact meeting times and the technical parameters for the session will be made available on the website of the session.

The secretariat will continue to monitor the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide timely updates with respect to any necessary changes to the above arrangements and possible restrictions affecting access to the Vienna International Centre.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the [...] the assurances of its highest consideration.

11 August 2020

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Annex I

Provisional agenda

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the session;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
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 discussions.
5. Technical assistance.
6. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed eleventh session.