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Addendum

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the session

The first resumed eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group will be opened on Monday, 31 August 2020, at 11 a.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Plenary Room M. It is currently planned that the meeting will be held both in person and in a virtual format.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group was adopted by the Group at its second resumed tenth session, held in Abu Dhabi on 17 and 18 December 2019.

The proposed organization of work for the first resumed eleventh session (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the subsequent recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference, made in view of circumstances relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The Bureau recommended that consideration of items 4 (State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption) and 5 (Technical assistance) be postponed to the first resumed eleventh session. The organization of work will also enable the Group to consider agenda items 4 and 5 jointly with the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption.

Accordingly, the thematic focus of the first resumed eleventh session will be on chapters II (Preventive measures) and III (Criminalization and law enforcement) of the Convention.

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- 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**

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference encouraged States parties to keep using the Implementation Review Group as a platform for the voluntary exchange of information on national measures taken during and after the completion of country reviews, including strategies adopted, challenges encountered and best practices identified, as well as, where appropriate, the follow-up to the recommendations made in the country review reports, while taking into account the need for efficient discussions and decision-making processes in the sessions of the Group. The Conference also welcomed the important and useful thematic implementation reports, regional supplementary addenda and updates on technical assistance needs prepared by the Secretariat for consideration by the Group, and encouraged States parties, the United Nations and other stakeholders to make full use of those documents.

Accordingly, the Group will have before it a thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter II of the Convention ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2020/3/Rev.1](#)).¹

States parties are encouraged to provide, under agenda item 4, further information on successes, good practices, challenges, technical assistance needs and measures taken after the completion of the country reviews under the first and second review cycles.

Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 2 of the agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption at joint meetings of the two groups.

In the light of the high number of recommendations made on articles 32 and 33 of the Convention during the first review cycle, a panel on the topic “Blowing the whistle on corruption: reporting systems and protection mechanisms for witnesses, experts, victims and reporting persons in accordance with articles 32 and 33 of the Convention” will also be convened.

Documentation

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on the implementation of chapter II (Preventive measures) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2020/3/Rev.1](#))

Executive summaries of country review reports ([CAC/COSP/IRG/I/4/1/Add.68](#),
[CAC/COSP/IRG/I/4/1/Add.69](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/I/4/1/Add.70](#),
[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/1/1/Add.18](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/1/1/Add.19](#),
[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.9](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.10](#),
[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.11](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.12](#),
[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.13](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.14](#),
[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.15](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.16](#),
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[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.19](#), [CAC/COSP/IRG/II/2/1/Add.20](#) and
[CAC/COSP/IRG/II/3/1](#))

¹ The thematic report was originally prepared for consideration by the Implementation Review Group at its session in June 2020 ([CAC/COSP/IRG/2020/3](#)). However, as that session was eventually held in a reduced, one-day format on 29 June 2020, and participants discussed only the procedural items on the agenda, the report has been updated to reflect the latest information emanating from the executive summaries finalized during the intervening period.

5. Technical assistance

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group would be in charge of following up and continuing the work undertaken previously by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance.

In paragraph 44 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, it is stated that the functions of the Group are 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 its resolution 7/3, the Conference reaffirmed the importance of addressing the technical assistance priorities identified in the country reviews, and invited technical assistance providers to consider those priorities either for new technical assistance programmes or for incorporation into ongoing programmes.

In line with the thematic focus of the eleventh session of the Group, the Secretariat will provide an oral update to the Group on developments since its latest note, prepared for the eighth session of the Conference, which contained an analysis of technical assistance needs emerging from the country reviews and assistance delivered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in support of the implementation of the Convention ([CAC/COSP/2019/14](#)).

Agenda item 5 will be discussed together with item 2 of the agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption at joint meetings of the two groups.

To facilitate discussion of the matter, a panel on technical assistance in relation to the articles contained in chapter II of the Convention will be convened.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing an analysis of technical assistance needs emerging from the country reviews and assistance delivered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in support of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ([CAC/COSP/2019/14](#))

6. Other matters

In its resolution 4/6, the Conference decided that briefings on the Mechanism would be convened for non-governmental organizations on the margins of the sessions of the Implementation Review Group and be conducted by the Secretariat in cooperation with a member of the Bureau.

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference encouraged the Group to continue to conduct briefings on the outcomes of the review process for non-governmental organizations on the margins of the sessions of the Group, in accordance with resolution 4/6.

The Group will receive a summary of the briefing, which is to be held on Tuesday, 1 September 2020, on the margins of the first resumed eleventh session.

8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed eleventh session

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its first resumed eleventh session.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 31 August 2020		
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption ^a
	4 (a)	Exchange of information, practices and experiences gained in the implementation of the Convention
	4 (b)	Thematic discussion
3–5 p.m.	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>) ^a
Tuesday, 1 September 2020		
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	5	Technical assistance ^a
3–5 p.m.	5	Technical assistance (<i>continued</i>) ^a
Wednesday, 2 September 2020		
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	6	Other matters
	8	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed eleventh session

^a Agenda items 4 and 5 will be discussed together with item 2 of the agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption at joint meetings of the two groups.