The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [[FunctionalTitle2]]
and has the honour to cordially invite the Government to participate in the **ninth session of the Implementation Review Group**, which will be held in Vienna from **4-6 June 2018 (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 multi-year workplan for the analytical work of the Group, covering the period 2017-2019, the main topic during the Group’s regular ninth session shall be the analysis of information on successes, good practices, challenges, observations and technical assistance needs emanating from the country reviews of chapter V (Asset Recovery) of the Convention.


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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, as well as an Information Circular regarding the VIC Online Services.
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, or a scanned copy to e-mail: UNCAC.COP@unodc.org. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. 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 **18 May 2018**.

20 March 2018