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## **Annotated provisional agenda**

### **Addendum**

### **Annotations**

- 1. Organizational matters**
- (a) Opening of the session**

The second resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group will be opened on Monday, 7 November 2022, at 10 a.m., at the Vienna International Centre, M-Building, Plenary Room M. Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned that the session will be held in person, with limited opportunities to deliver statements remotely through an online platform. Further information on the format of the session will be communicated in due course and will be made available on the website of the session.

- (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to hold regular sessions at least once a year, based on an annotated provisional agenda and programme of work issued as early as possible in order to enable the States parties to plan the composition of the delegations and prepare for focused and efficient discussions on the main topics of the session, and, while taking into consideration the directions of the Conference, being able to adjust topics of discussion to maximize the effectiveness of its discussions and work outcomes, subject to the availability of existing resources.

The proposed organization of work for the second resumed thirteenth session (see annex) was prepared in line with the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference, in order to enable consideration of agenda items 4, 5 and 6 jointly with the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Working Group on Asset Recovery.



## **2. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

### *Drawing of lots*

On the first day of the first resumed thirteenth session, lots may be drawn to select reviewing States parties for any States parties requesting redraws. Lots may also be drawn to select the reviewing States parties for the first and second cycle reviews of any States parties that have become parties to the Convention since the previous drawing of lots.

### *Progress made in the conduct of country reviews*

In its decision 5/1, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Implementation Review Group should include in its future sessions an agenda item allowing for discussion of relevant information collected, with the support of the secretariat, in order to facilitate the assessment of the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, in accordance with paragraph 48 of the terms of reference, following the completion of the first review cycle.

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference, inter alia, requested the Implementation Review Group to continue to collect, with the support of the secretariat, relevant information, including the views of States parties, pertaining to the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism, with a view to continuing, at the appropriate time, its assessment of the performance of the Mechanism, as provided for in paragraph 48 of its terms of reference and Conference decision 5/1. The Conference also requested the secretariat to continue to provide to the Implementation Review Group analyses of the time frames associated with the crucial stages of the review process, including statistics on the number of States parties that are behind schedule, with the aim of facilitating a more efficient process.

In response to the significant delays incurred during the second cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism, in its decision 8/1, the Conference extended the duration of the second cycle until June 2024 to allow for the completion of country reviews and called upon States parties to accelerate the completion of the second cycle.

The secretariat has compiled and analysed information relating to the overall performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism during the first and second review cycles, including but not limited to the responses received to the self-assessment checklist, the direct dialogues conducted, and the finalized executive summaries and country review reports. Emphasis has been placed on analysing the reasons for the recurring delays during the second cycle and the secretariat has suggested measures to address those delays and accelerate reviews. The secretariat prepared a note entitled “Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption” (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/2) for the consideration of the Implementation Review Group at its thirteenth session, which was held from 13 to 17 June 2022. Moreover, updated information and analysis on the performance of the Mechanism is contained in conference room paper CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/CRP.2, entitled “Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and the measures required for the completion of its first phase, as well as initial considerations regarding the next phase of the Mechanism”, before the Group for its consideration at its first resumed thirteenth session, on 8 and 9 September 2022.

Furthermore, in the political declaration entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation”, adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption, held in 2021, Member States, inter alia, welcomed the achievements of the Implementation Review Mechanism in furthering parties’ efforts to fully implement their obligations under the Convention,

and urged parties to the Convention to complete their reviews under the Mechanism in a timely manner so as to conclude the first and second review cycles within their agreed period of performance. Member States further committed to fully and effectively following up on the conclusions and observations from the review process, and welcomed the efforts by the Conference to assess the performance of the Mechanism and adapt, where appropriate, procedures and requirements for the follow-up.

At its first resumed thirteenth session, which was held on 8 and 9 September 2022, the Implementation Review Group discussed the matter of the next review phase of the Mechanism. In this regard, the attention of the Implementation Review Group is drawn to the report on that session (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/6/Add.1), as well as to the conference room paper on the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and the measures required for the completion of its first phase, as well as initial considerations regarding the next phase of the Mechanism (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/CRP.2).

Delegations are encouraged to continue to share their views on the performance of the Implementation Review Mechanism and the lessons learned with regard to its performance, as well as good practices and challenges in conducting the reviews that could inform and guide the Group in its deliberations on the next review phase of the Mechanism.

### **3. Financial and budgetary matters**

In its resolution 3/1, the Conference underlined that the Implementation Review Mechanism would require a budget that ensured its efficient, continued and impartial functioning. Pursuant to that resolution, the General Assembly, in its resolution 64/237, requested the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mechanism was adequately funded.

In its resolution 4/1, the Conference decided that the Implementation Review Group should assist it in the fulfilment of its responsibility to consider the budget biennially by engaging with the secretariat during the intersessional period with regard to expenditures and projected costs related to the Review Mechanism.

The secretariat prepared a note entitled “Resources and expenditures for the functioning of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption” (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/5) for the consideration of the Implementation Review Group at its thirteenth session, which was held from 13 to 17 June 2022. An oral update will be provided by the secretariat during the second resumed thirteenth session under agenda item 3.

### **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**

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 the consideration of the Implementation Review 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 V (Asset recovery) of the Convention, in particular its articles 51 and 53 to 59 (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/7).

Furthermore, a report by the Secretariat on provisions of a cross-cutting nature in chapter II (Preventive measures) and chapter V (Asset recovery) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/8) will be made available to the Group for its consideration.

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.

**(b) Thematic discussion**

Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 3 of the agenda for the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and with items 2 to 4 of the agenda for the Working Group on Asset Recovery, at joint meetings, which will include thematic discussions in line with the workplan of the subsidiary bodies.

**Documentation**

Thematic report prepared by the Secretariat on implementation of chapter V (Asset recovery) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, in particular its articles 51 and 53 to 59 (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/7)

Report by the Secretariat on provisions of a cross-cutting nature in chapter II (Preventive measures) and chapter V (Asset recovery) of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (CAC/COSP/IRG/2022/8)

**5. Technical assistance**

In its resolution 8/8, the Conference encouraged States parties to, inter alia, address the needs identified during their country reviews and to promote national anti-corruption strategies and/or action plans as a tool for country-led and country-based, integrated and coordinated technical assistance programming and delivery. Moreover, in its resolution 9/4, the Conference called upon States parties to acknowledge the importance of promoting, facilitating and supporting timely, sustainable, adequate and effective technical assistance for strengthening national capacities to prevent and fight corruption and called for accelerated action at all levels and by all technical assistance providers in addressing such needs, upon request, including those identified through the Implementation Review Mechanism, by mobilizing sufficient financial assistance, technical support and other resources, as stated in paragraph 53 of the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption held in 2021. In order to enable States parties to exchange views on specific aspects of technical assistance, item 5 will be introduced by a panel discussion.

Agenda item 5 will be discussed together with item 3 of the agenda for the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and item 5 of the agenda for the Working Group on Asset Recovery.

**6. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation**

At its special session held from 2 to 4 June 2021, the General Assembly adopted the political declaration entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation”. Member States, inter alia, committed to implementing that political declaration and invited the Conference, as the treaty body

with prime responsibility for promoting and reviewing the implementation of the Convention, to follow up and build on the declaration.

Furthermore, in its resolution 9/2, entitled “Our common commitment to effectively addressing challenges and implementing measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthening international cooperation: follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly against corruption”, the Conference directed its subsidiary bodies, within their mandates, to take appropriate measures to follow up on the political declaration.

Accordingly, under the present item, the Group is expected to discuss appropriate measures to follow up on the political declaration.

To facilitate the deliberations of the Group on this topic, the secretariat will provide information on the responses received from States Parties to the note verbale circulated by the secretariat on 18 July 2022, seeking information on measures taken to implement the Convention and to achieve the commitments contained in the political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanisms under the Convention.

Agenda item 6 will be discussed together with item 4 of the agenda for the eleventh meeting of the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and item 6 of the agenda for the sixteenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.

#### **7. Other matters**

Under agenda item 7, the Implementation Review Group may wish to discuss any other matters.

#### **8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its second resumed thirteenth session**

The Implementation Review Group is to adopt a report on its second resumed thirteenth session, the draft of which is to be prepared by the secretariat.

## Annex

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Monday, 7 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the session
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption
	3	Financial and budgetary matters
	7	Other matters
3–6 p.m.	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup>
	4 (a)	Exchange of information, practices and experiences gained in the implementation of the Convention <sup>a</sup>
<b>Tuesday, 8 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
	4 (b)	Thematic discussion <sup>a</sup>
3–6 p.m.	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
	4 (b)	Thematic discussion <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Wednesday, 9 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
	4 (b)	Thematic discussion <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
3–6 p.m.	4	State of implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
	4 (b)	Thematic discussion <sup>a</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>Thursday, 10 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5	Technical assistance <sup>b</sup>
3–6 p.m.	5	Technical assistance <sup>b</sup> ( <i>continued</i> )

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
<b>Friday, 11 November 2022</b>		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	6	Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation <sup>c</sup>
3–6 p.m.	8	Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its second resumed thirteenth session

<sup>a</sup> Agenda item 4 will be discussed together with item 3 of the agenda for the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and items 2 to 4 of the agenda for the Working Group on Asset Recovery.

<sup>b</sup> Agenda item 5 will be discussed together with item 3 of the agenda for the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and item 5 of the agenda for the Working Group on Asset Recovery.

<sup>c</sup> Agenda item 6 will be discussed together with item 4 of the agenda for the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption and item 6 of the agenda for the Working Group on Asset Recovery.