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Implementation Review Group: eleventh session

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 **eleventh session of the Implementation Review Group**, which will be held in a **virtual format** in Vienna from **29 June to 1 July 2020** and will consist of two two-hour meetings per day (the exact times and technical parameters for the session will be communicated at a later stage through the website of the Implementation Review Group). The session was rescheduled from the original dates, which were from 8 to 10 June 2020, following the recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its eighth session (the provisional agenda is contained in the Annex).

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, the thematic focus of the eleventh session of the Group will be on prevention, as well as criminalization and law enforcement. Moreover, in accordance with that workplan, the Group and the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, to be held on 30 June and 1 July 2020, are to hold joint meetings on thematic and technical assistance matters. Following the recommendation of the Bureau of the Conference, the consideration of the item entitled “Technical assistance” has been postponed to the first resumed eleventh session of the Group to be held on 31 August and 1 September 2020.

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 page 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.html>
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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.

It should be noted that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details (**including individual email addresses, which will be used to grant and verify access to the session**), should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than **15 June 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. In determining the composition of the delegation, the Government is encouraged to also take into account considerations of gender balance.

In view of the compressed organization of work for this session, as well as its virtual format, delegations are encouraged, instead of delivering general national statements during the meeting, to provide such statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session.

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

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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.
2. Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.
3. Financial and budgetary matters.
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.
7. Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Implementation Review Group.
8. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its eleventh session.

* The consideration of this item has been postponed to the first resumed eleventh session of the Group, to be held on 31 August and 1 September 2020.
