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Addendum

Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the session

The first resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group will be opened on Thursday, 8 September 2022, at 3 p.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 provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group was adopted by the Group at its twelfth session, held from 14 to 18 June 2021.

The proposed organization of work for the first 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, whereby, in view of Conference resolution 8/2, the Group was to discuss item 2, entitled “Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”.



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

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference, *inter alia*, acknowledged that continuing the process of evaluation of the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption before the completion of the second review cycle on the basis of the experiences gained in the first review cycle could significantly contribute to useful outcomes, and that that process should be started without prejudice to any subsequent continuation of such work following the completion of the second review cycle. In the same resolution, the Conference 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, the Group's assessment of the performance of the Mechanism, as provided for in paragraph 48 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism and Conference decision 5/1, and in that regard to continue to report to the Conference on progress made, bearing in mind the request in paragraph 5 of the Conference resolution 3/1 for the evaluation of the terms of reference at the conclusion of each review cycle. In this regard, the attention of the Group is drawn to the note by the Secretariat entitled "Views of States parties on the performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (CAC/COSP/2021/4), which contains a summary of the views received and which should be read in conjunction with a conference room paper (CAC/COSP/2021/CRP.3) containing all of the views submitted by States parties on the performance of the Mechanism, in the form in which they were received.

Also in resolution 8/2, the Conference encouraged States parties, with the help of the secretariat, to voluntarily share their views in the Implementation Review Group, without prejudice to the existing mandates of the Group and the terms of reference of the Implementation Review Mechanism, on the possible ways forward following the end of the first review phase, and requested that the Group submit its report to the Conference at its tenth session.

In addition, 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.

Moreover, at the thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, held from 13 to 17 June 2022, it was suggested that the Group should start discussing the matter of the next review phase and that a detailed analysis should be prepared by the secretariat for the consideration of the Group at its next session, which should also take into account the findings contained in the report entitled "Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, in particular its second review cycle and the measures required for its completion" (CAC/COSP/2019/12).

The Implementation Review Group will have before it for its consideration a conference room paper providing an analysis of the progress made in conducting the reviews and an assessment of the different elements of the review process, with a view

to providing lessons learned that can assist the Group in its deliberations on the next review phase.

Delegations are encouraged 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 second review phase.

Moreover, delegates may wish to discuss the role of the Group with regard to the follow-up on relevant aspects of the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its special session against corruption held in 2021, so as to ensure synergies.

7. Other matters

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

9. Adoption of the report of the Implementation Review Group on its first resumed thirteenth session

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

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Thursday, 8 September 2022		
3–6 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
Friday, 9 September 2022		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2	Performance of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	7	Other matters
	9	Adoption of the report on the first resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group