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The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to invite the Government to participate in the **first resumed thirteenth session of the Implementation Review Group**, to be held in **Boardroom B/M1, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **8 to 9 September 2022**.

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.

The proposed organization of work for the first resumed thirteenth session (enclosed 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”. Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work, will be available electronically in all the official languages of the United Nations on the web pages of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/IRG/session13-first-resumed.html>
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

Subject to developments relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is currently planned that the session will be held in person. While registered delegates will be able to observe the proceedings online through the Interprefy platform, there will be only very limited opportunities to deliver statements remotely. To facilitate the work of the interpreters, during each three-hour meeting, only 30 minutes will be allotted to statements delivered remotely by online participants. To avoid technical problems, the Government is encouraged, to the degree possible, to ensure that the statements are delivered by the representatives present in the meeting room.

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Arrangements have also been made to allow for pre-recorded video statements. Such pre-recorded video statements, will not be counted towards the 30 minute limit for online participation per meeting, but, in line with a decision by the President of the Conference, must be limited to three minutes to ensure that all delegations will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussions All pre-recorded video statements, including transcript, should be submitted by Wednesday, 31 August 2022.

Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session and to adhere to the recommendations for the submission of pre-recorded statements available on the website of the meeting. Pre-recorded video statements (including transcript) or written statements should be submitted via email to: uncac@un.org and unov.conference@un.org including a subject line in the following format “1st resumed 13th IRG statement – [country name] [agenda item number]”).

The INDICO registration system will be used for the registration of delegates for participation. The registration for the session is open and accessible through the following link:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/corruption/registration/september-2022-uncac-meetings/>

The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded in the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address, in-person or online participation). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded in INDICO. The Government is kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates to enable them to complete the registration process as soon as possible and not later than **29 August 2022** and to observe the deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Regretfully, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after that date.

The secretariat will continue to monitor the situation related to the COVID-19 pandemic and will provide timely updates to registered participants and on the website of the session with respect to any necessary changes to the above arrangements and possible restrictions affecting access to the Vienna International Centre.

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