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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [[[FunctionalTitle2]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolution 1/4, entitled “Establishment of an intergovernmental working group on asset recovery”, of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

In its resolutions 2/3, 3/3 and 4/4, the Conference of the States Parties decided that the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery should continue its work to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the return of the proceeds of corruption. The Conference also decided that the Working Group should consider the existing and developing body of studies for the development of best practices in asset recovery, including but not limited to, the studies of the Stolen Asset Recovery initiative.

In its resolution 4/4, entitled “International cooperation in asset recovery”, the Conference renewed its commitment to effective national action on international cooperation to give full effect to chapter V of the Convention and to contribute effectively to the recovery of the proceeds of corruption.

In the same resolution, the Conference decided that the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery shall hold at least two meetings prior to the fifth session of the Conference, within existing resources.

The Government is cordially invited to participate as an observer in the sixth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from **30 to 31 August 2012**.

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Documentation including the annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work will be electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and can be accessed through the following address:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/working-group2.html>

..... Attached is a copy of an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements.

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, Fax: +43-1 26060 5841, or a scanned copy of the official communication to email: UNCAC.COP@unodc.org. Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales/letters will be accepted by email. Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details, should be provided to the Office as soon as possible and not later than **17 August 2012**.

22 May 2012

