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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 [[[AddressLine1]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolution 5/3 (see web link: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/CAC-COSP-session5-resolutions.html>), as adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) at its fifth session, held in Panama City from 25 to 29 November 2013.

In this resolution, the Conference, *inter alia*,

- a) called upon States parties to share with the Secretariat best practices for the efficient resolution of criminal offences specified in the Convention, and requested that the Secretariat collect and disseminate such information to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery and to States Parties (paragraph 28 of the resolution);
- b) it further encouraged States parties to share approaches and practical experience for the return of assets, consistent with article 57 of the Convention, for further dissemination through the Secretariat (paragraph 36 of the resolution); and
- c) encouraged States parties to voluntarily share experiences of actions taken consistent with elements of the present resolution and of Conference resolutions 2/3 of 1 February 2008, 3/3 of 13 November 2009 and 4/4 of 28 October 2011, in the context of the aforementioned intersessional meetings of the Working Group (paragraph 39 of the resolution)

The Secretariat is seeking herewith information from States parties and signatories to the UNCAC on the issues identified above with a view to making it available to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery at its eighth session, to be held in Vienna from 11 to 12 September 2014.

The Secretary of the Conference of the States Parties would be grateful if the Government send any pertinent information to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, e-mail address: dorothee.gottwald@unodc.org, at its earliest convenience, **but not later than 27 June 2014**.

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