Reference: CU 2017/125/DTA/CEB/CSS

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 6/2, as adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) at its sixth session, held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, from 2 to 6 November 2015 (see web link: https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session6/Resolutions/V1609639e.pdf).

In paragraph 6 of this resolution, the Conference, inter alia, directed the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery to “initiate the process of identifying best practices and developing guidelines for proactive and timely sharing of information to enable States parties to take appropriate action, in accordance with article 56 of the Convention.”

Article 56 of the Convention states that each State Party “shall endeavour to take measures to permit it to forward, without prejudice to its own investigations, prosecutions or judicial proceedings, information on proceeds of offences established in accordance with this Convention to another State Party without prior request, when it considers that the disclosure of such information might assist the receiving State Party in initiating or carrying out investigations, prosecutions or judicial proceedings or might lead to a request by that State Party under this chapter of the Convention.”

In order to assist the Working Group in its efforts to identify best practices and develop guidelines for proactive and timely sharing of information, the Secretariat is herewith requesting from States parties and signatories to the UNCAC relevant information on the above issue, with a view to making this information available to the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery at its 11th session, to be held in Vienna from 24-25 August 2017.

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A separate note (CU 2017/125/DTA/CEB/CSS) on other matters pertaining to the implementation of resolution 6/2, in particular seeking information on identifying victims of corruption and on the use of settlements and other alternative mechanisms, addressed by the Conference in paragraphs 6 (a) and (c) of the resolution was prepared.

It would be appreciated 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 26 May 2017.**

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