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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 7/2 entitled “Preventing and combating corruption in all its forms more effectively, including when it involves vast quantities of assets, based on a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach, in accordance with the Convention” [CAC/COSP/2017/XX], as adopted by the Conference at its seventh session, held in Vienna, from 6 to 10 November 2017.

Pursuant to paragraph 19 of said resolution, States parties are encouraged, inter alia, to voluntarily share the following information with the Secretariat:

“... experiences and best practices on criminal and civil measures and remedies to enhance international cooperation and asset recovery related to corruption, including, among others, when it involves vast quantities of assets...”

Resolution 7/2 asked that the Secretariat compile information provided by States parties to this end.

Furthermore, in paragraph 8 of the same resolution, the Conference invited States parties:

“... to share best practices in the identification of legal and natural persons, involved in the establishment of corporate entities, including shell companies, trusts and other similar arrangements which may be abused to commit or conceal crimes of corruption or to hide, disguise or transfer their proceeds of corruption to countries that provide safety to the corrupt and/or their proceeds.”

The government is therefore invited to provide the secretariat with information on:

1. Experiences and best practices on criminal and civil measures and remedies to enhance international cooperation and asset recovery related to corruption, when it involves vast quantities of assets; and

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2. Best practices in the identification of legal and natural persons, involved in the establishment of corporate entities, including shell companies, trusts and other similar arrangements which may be abused to commit or conceal crimes of corruption or to hide, disguise or transfer their proceeds of corruption to countries that provide safety to the corrupt and/or their proceeds.

Please send your responses 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 addresses: **jennifer.sarvary-bradford@un.org** at your earliest convenience, but not later than 15 April 2018.

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