



Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption

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Report of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery, held in Vienna from 5 to 8 September 2023

I. Introduction

1. In its resolutions 1/4, 2/3, 3/3, 4/4, 5/3, 6/2, 6/3, 7/1, 8/1, 8/9, 9/2 and 9/7, the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption established and continued the work of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery.

II. Organization of the meeting

A. Opening of the meeting

2. The Working Group on Asset Recovery held its seventeenth meeting in Vienna from 5 to 8 September 2023, in an in-person format with a virtual component.

3. The Working Group held eight meetings, which were chaired by Aftab Ahmad Khoker (Pakistan), Vice-President of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its ninth session. The Working Group considered items 2 to 6 of its agenda jointly with the Implementation Review Group and the open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the Convention.

B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. On 5 September 2023, the Working Group adopted the following agenda and the organization of work for the meeting ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2023/1](#)):

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Overview of progress made in the implementation of asset recovery mandates.
3. Practical aspects of asset recovery, including trends, challenges and good practices.



4. Thematic discussion on good practices and challenges with respect to the establishment of effective financial disclosure systems for appropriate public officials.
5. Technical assistance.
6. Follow-up to the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation.
7. Adoption of the report.

C. Attendance

5. The following States parties to the Convention were represented at the meeting of the Working Group: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eswatini, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

6. The European Union, a regional economic integration organization that is a party to the Convention, was represented at the meeting.

7. The following Secretariat units, United Nations bodies, funds and programmes, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and institutes of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network were represented by observers: Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, World Health Organization, Basel Institute on Governance and Naif Arab Academy for Security Sciences.

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, Commonwealth of Independent States, Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf, Economic Community of West African States, European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, Group of States against Corruption, Inter-American Development Bank, International Anti-Corruption Academy, International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), International Development Law Organization, League of Arab States, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative and Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States.

D. Documentation

9. The Working Group on Asset Recovery had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Annotated provisional agenda ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2023/1](#));
 - (b) Note by the Secretariat on progress in implementing the mandates of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2023/2](#));
 - (c) Note by the Secretariat on good practices and challenges with respect to the establishment of effective financial disclosure systems for appropriate public officials and how they can facilitate the recovery and return of proceeds of crime ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/2023/3](#)).

III. Adoption of the report

10. The Working Group on Asset Recovery adopted the report on its seventeenth meeting on 8 September 2023 ([CAC/COSP/WG.2/L.1](#)), as orally amended.
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