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(17th meeting of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery)

The secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the [...] and has the honour to invite the Government to participate in the **seventeenth meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery**, to be held in **Boardroom B/M1, M-Building**, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria, from **4 to 8 September 2023**.

The Working Group was established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 1/4, entitled “Establishment of an intergovernmental working group on asset recovery”.

The proposed organization of work for the seventeenth meeting (enclosed annex) was prepared in line with resolutions 9/2 and 9/7 of the Conference and the guidance contained in the workplan for the subsidiary bodies of the Conference, which was approved by the Bureau of the Conference, in order to enable consideration of agenda items 2 to 6 jointly with the Implementation Review Group and the open-ended intergovernmental expert meetings to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption. The thematic focus of the seventeenth meeting of the Working Group will be on good practices and challenges with respect to the establishment of effective financial disclosure systems for appropriate public officials and good practices and challenges faced during the different stages of the international asset recovery process. Documentation, including the annotated provisional agenda and the organization of work, will be available electronically in all the official languages of the United Nations on the web pages of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime at:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/WG-AssetRecovery/session17.html>  
or <http://myconference.unov.org>

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The session will be held in person. Participants will be able to observe the proceedings online, but in order to facilitate the work of the interpreters, only 30 minutes of each three-hour meeting will be allotted to statements delivered remotely by online participants. Delegations are therefore encouraged to ensure, to the extent possible, that statements are delivered by the representatives present in the meeting room.

Arrangements have also been made to allow for pre-recorded video statements. Such pre-recorded video statements will not be counted towards the 30 minute limit for online participation per meeting but, in line with a decision by the President of the Conference, must be limited to three minutes to ensure that all delegations will have an opportunity to contribute to the discussions. All pre-recorded video statements, including transcripts, should be submitted by **Wednesday, 28 August 2023**.

Delegations are also encouraged to provide copies of statements in written format for posting on a dedicated space on the website of the session and to adhere to the recommendations for the submission of pre-recorded statements available on the website of the meeting. Pre-recorded video statements (including transcripts) or written statements should be submitted via email to [uncac@un.org](mailto:uncac@un.org) and [unov.conference@un.org](mailto:unov.conference@un.org), including a subject line in the following format: “17th WGAR statement – [country name] [agenda item number]”).

The INDICO registration system will be used for the registration of delegates for participation. The registration for the session is open and accessible through the following link:

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/corruption/registration/september-2023-uncac-meetings/>

**The Government is hereby informed that an official note verbale must be uploaded in the INDICO system, together with the mandatory details for each delegate (name, title, individual email address, in-person or online participation). Registration requests will be approved by the secretariat only after being cross-checked against the official note verbale uploaded in INDICO.** The Government is kindly requested to share the note verbale with the nominated delegates to enable them to complete the registration process as soon as possible and not later than **21 August 2023** and to observe the deadline in order for the secretariat to finalize all the necessary technical preparations for the meeting. Regretfully, the secretariat will not be able to accommodate requests for registration after that date.

The seventeenth session of the Working Group on Asset Recovery, the resumed fourteenth session of the Implementation Review Group, and the twelfth open-ended intergovernmental expert meeting to enhance international cooperation under the United Nations Convention against Corruption are to hold joint meetings on thematic and technical assistance matters (Ref.: CU 2023/227(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS and CU 2023/228(A)/DTA/CEB/CSS). In view of the joint meetings and due to technical reasons, the Government is requested to issue only one note verbale containing the composition of its delegation for the three meetings. The registration for the joint meetings is set up as one event in INDICO.

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