

Reference:

CU 2010/142 (A) prevention of corruption

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the [....] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolution 3/2, entitled "Preventive measures", of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

In its resolution 3/2, the Conference of the States Parties decided to establish an interim openended Intergovernmental Working Group, in accordance with article 63, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and rule 2, paragraph 2 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the States Parties, to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption. The Conference also decided that the Working Group should perform the following functions: (a) assist the Conference in developing and accumulating knowledge in the area of prevention of corruption; (b) facilitate the exchange of information and experience among States on preventive measures and practices; (c) facilitate the collection, dissemination and promotion of best practices in corruption prevention; and (d) assist the Conference in encouraging cooperation among all stakeholders and sectors of society in order to prevent corruption.

In the same resolution, the Conference further decided that the Working Group shall meet during the sessions of the Conference and, as appropriate, shall hold at least two intersessional meetings in order to perform its mandated task, within existing resources.

The Government is cordially invited to participate in the first meeting of the interim open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, which will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 13 to 15 December 2010.

Documentation including the annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work will be electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and can be accessed through the following address:

http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CAC/working-group4.html.

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Attached is a copy of an information note for participants regarding administrative details and instructions to facilitate travel, visa, hotel and other arrangements.

It would be appreciated if the Government's response to this invitation could be sent directly to the Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43-1 26060 5841, or a scanned copy to e-mail: <u>UNCAC.COP@unodc.org</u>. Information on the composition of the Government's delegation, including name(s), title(s) and contact details, should be provided to the Office as soon as possible.

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