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Annotations

1. **Organizational matters**
 - (a) **Opening of the meeting**

The meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption will be opened on Monday, 26 August 2013, at 10 a.m.



(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with resolution 4/3, entitled “Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption at its fourth session, held in Marrakech, Morocco, from 24 to 28 October 2011, and in accordance with the conclusions and recommendations agreed upon by the Working Group at its meeting held in Vienna from 27 to 29 August 2012.

The proposed organization of work annexed to the present document was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 4/3 and the recommendations agreed upon by the Working Group at its meeting in August 2012, to enable the Working Group to consider the agenda items within the time and according to the conference services available.

The resources available to the meeting will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with full interpretation in the official languages of the United Nations.

2. Implementation of Conference resolution 4/3, entitled “Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, and of the recommendations made by the Working Group at its meeting in August 2012

In its resolution 3/2, the Conference stressed the importance of implementing articles 5-14 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption to prevent and fight corruption. The Conference decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption and 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 the prevention of corruption;
- (d) Assist the Conference in encouraging cooperation among all stakeholders and sectors of society in order to prevent corruption.

In its resolution 4/3, the Conference decided that the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption should continue its work and should hold at least two meetings prior to the fifth session of the Conference, to be held in 2013.

Also in its resolution 4/3, the Conference noted with appreciation that many States parties had shared information on their initiatives and good practices on the topics considered by the Working Group at its meeting in August 2011 and urged States parties to continue to share with the Secretariat and other States parties new, as well as updated, information on such initiatives and good practices.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to continue to perform the functions of an international observatory gathering existing information on good practices in preventing corruption, thereby focusing in particular on systematizing and disseminating the information received from States parties and, at the request of the Working Group or the Conference and based on that information, to provide information on lessons learned and the adaptability of good practices, as well as related technical assistance activities, which could be offered to States parties upon request.

At its meeting in August 2012, the Working Group decided that the intersessional meeting of the Working Group to be held in Vienna from 26 to 28 August 2013 would focus its attention on the following topics:

(a) Integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services (article 11 of the Convention);

(b) Public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people and the role of mass media and the Internet (article 13 of the Convention).

At its meeting in August 2011, the Working Group had recommended that, in advance of each meeting of the Working Group, States parties should be invited to share their experiences in implementing the provisions under consideration, preferably by using the self-assessment checklist and including, where possible, successes, challenges, technical assistance needs and lessons learned in implementation. Also in advance of each meeting, the Secretariat should prepare background papers for the topics under discussion, based on the input from States parties, in particular if they related to initiatives and good practices. The background papers should synthesize the different approaches taken by States parties in their different contexts, presenting the broad options and typologies of approach used and drawing attention to any common issues arising or lessons identified by States parties.

(a) Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption

- (i) *Thematic discussion on integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services (article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption)*

The consideration of the sub-item on integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation on the background paper produced by the Secretariat on that topic based on input from States parties.

- (ii) *Thematic discussion on public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people and the role of mass media and the Internet (article 13 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption)*

The consideration of the sub-item on public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people and the role of mass media and the Internet, will be introduced by a panel discussion, including a presentation on the background paper produced by the Secretariat on that topic based on input from States parties.

(b) Other recommendations

A discussion will be held on the implementation of Conference resolution 4/3 and the recommendations made by the Working Group at its meeting in August 2012. States parties will also discuss the further steps that need to be taken towards full implementation of Conference resolution 4/3.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services (article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption) (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2013/2)

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people and the role of mass media and the Internet (article 13 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption) (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2013/3)

Report on the status of implementation of resolution 4/3, entitled “Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption” (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2013/4)

3. Future priorities and consideration of topics indicated in the multi-year workplan for 2014 and 2015

A discussion will be held on future possibilities for the Working Group in advising and assisting the Conference in the implementation of its mandates on the prevention of corruption.

Particularly in view of the forthcoming review of implementation of chapter II of the Convention during the second cycle of the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, the importance of building legislative and institutional frameworks consistent with the requirements of this chapter, and how such implementation can be effectively reviewed, should be considered.

In its resolution 4/3, the Conference decided that the future meetings of the Working Group would follow a multi-year workplan for the period up to 2015, when the second cycle of the Implementation Review Mechanism would begin.

At its meeting in August 2012, the Working Group adopted the topics proposed in the workplan for 2013 and adopted on an indicative basis those topics for 2014 and 2015, subject to reconsideration at subsequent sessions of the Group and the Conference of the States Parties, as set out below:

2014

Mandates of anti-corruption body or bodies in respect of prevention (art. 6).

Public sector legislative and administrative measures, including measures to enhance transparency in the funding of candidatures for elected public office and, where applicable, the funding of political parties (arts. 5 and 7).

2015

Measures to prevent money-laundering (art. 14).

Integrity in public procurement processes and transparency and accountability in the management of public finances (arts. 9 and 10).

4. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is to adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 26 August	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
		1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		2 (a)(i)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: thematic discussion on integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services
	3-6 p.m.	2 (a)(i)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: thematic discussion on integrity in the judiciary, judicial administration and prosecution services (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 27 August	10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.	2 (a)(ii)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: thematic discussion on public education, in particular the engagement of children and young people and the role of mass media and the Internet
		2 (b)	Other recommendations
Wednesday, 28 August	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Future priorities and consideration of topics indicated in the multi-year workplan for 2014 and 2015
	3-6 p.m.	4	Adoption of the report