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Legislative & Administrative measures in Public Sector - Funding of political candidatures and political parties

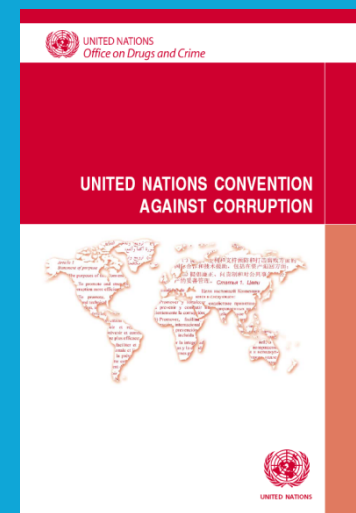
UNCAC Articles 5 & 7

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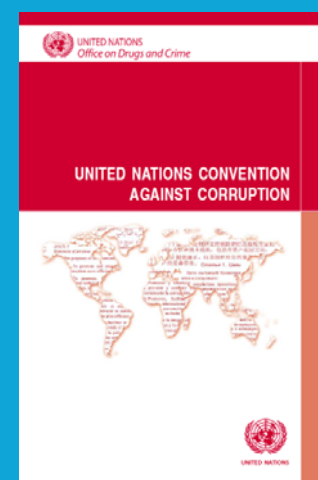
Transparency in funding of Political Candidatures and Campaigns under UNCAC

- Article 7, paragraphs 2 & 3 of the Convention requires States to consider to:
 - Prescribe a criteria for candidatures and elections for public office;
 - Enhance transparency in funding of candidatures, and,
 - Enhance transparency on funding of political parties



Transparency in funding of Political Candidatures & Campaigns under UNCAC

- Article 7, paragraphs 2 & 3 of the Convention requires States to take measures consistent with the objectives of the Convention
 - Preventing corruption more effectively and efficiently,
 - Support international cooperation & technical assistance
 - Promote integrity, accountability & proper management of public affairs and public property.



Suggested considerations for implementing Article 7

- Measures to enhance transparency;
- Definition of Donation or Contribution,
- Limitations on contributions
- Examples of implementation
- Measures to strengthen transparency of candidatures to elected office and campaigns and;
- Challenges identified





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Funding of Political Parties & Campaigns

- Definition of Donation or Contribution.
- Source of Funding
 - Public source of funding
 - Private source of funding
- Value Limits on Contributions
- Limits on Expenditures during Electoral Campaigns



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Funding of Political Parties and Campaigns

- Criteria for Transparency
 - Requirements for Disclosures
 - Requirements for Public Reporting
 - General vs. Detailed reporting of accounts
- Oversight and Enforcement
 - Electoral Commissions
 - Court of Auditors
 - Anti-corruption agencies



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Funding of Political Parties and Campaigns

- Sanctions
 - Loss of public subsidies
 - Fines
 - Suspension
 - Confiscation of illegal contributions
 - Criminal sanctions.





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Funding of Political Parties and Campaigns

- Awareness raising on compliance with regulatory framework
- State resources allocated to build capacity of political parties on transparency and accountability rules.
- Technical assistance to support the use of information technology to enhance oversight of political campaigns



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Other Legislative and Administrative Measures in the Public Sector

- Recruitment of civil servants based on transparency and merit
- Integrity measures and training of civil service.
- Use of asset declarations to detect conflict of interest
- Protection of reporting persons in cases of fiscal fraud and economic crime





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Potential Points for Discussion

- The diversity of implementation measures available to Member States.
- Enhancing transparency and accountability of funding of political parties and campaigns.
- UNODC support to States Parties in their implementation of Art. 7, including funding of political parties and campaigns.



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Thank you

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