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The Secretariat of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption presents its compliments to the permanent missions and permanent observer missions to the United Nations (Vienna and New York) and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention, established by the Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 3/2 entitled “Preventive Measures”.

As approved by the Conference in its resolution 5/4 entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech Declaration on the Prevention of Corruption” and in accordance with the conclusions of the Working Group at its fifth intersessional meeting held in Vienna from 8 to 10 September 2014 (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2014/5, paragraph 8), the topics for discussion at the forthcoming sixth intersessional meeting of the Working Group to be held in Vienna from 31 August to 2 September 2015 will be:

- (a) Measures to prevent money-laundering (art. 14);
- (b) Integrity in public procurement processes and transparency and accountability in the management of public finances (arts. 9 and 10).

Collection of information prior to the sixth meeting of the Working Group: The Working Group had recommended at its second intersessional meeting that in advance of each future meeting of the Working Group, States parties should be invited to share their experiences of 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 (CAC/COSP/WG.4/2011/4, paragraph 12).

The Secretariat wishes to recall note verbale CU 2015/58/DTA/CEB of 10 March 2015, in which States parties and signatories to the Convention were requested to submit pertinent information on their relevant initiatives and practices to the Secretariat in relation to the topics for discussion at the sixth intersessional Working Group meeting as outlined above.

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The Secretariat would like to thank all States parties that have submitted relevant information and requests those that have not yet done so to provide material which would facilitate discussion on the topics to be addressed and, as requested by the Working Group, best assist States parties in implementing effectively those articles of the Convention relating to the prevention of corruption.

..... In order to assist States parties and signatories in the provision of the requested information, the Secretariat has produced a Guidance Note (attached as Annex I) outlining the type of information States parties and signatories may wish to provide in relation to each topic under consideration.

States parties are also encouraged to provide the Secretariat with information on other preventive anti-corruption measures they have adopted in accordance with Chapter II of the Convention that they consider as being of particular interest to the Working Group or information on any action they have taken following meetings of the Working Group, using material produced by the Working Group or the Secretariat, through the sharing of good practice examples, the facilitation of exchanges or the provision of support to or from other States parties, in fulfilment of the mandates received by the Conference. In collecting and disseminating this information the Secretariat hopes to facilitate the sharing of best practices between States parties and signatories and to continue to fulfil its role as an observatory of good practices in relation to the prevention of corruption as mandated in resolution 5/4 of the Conference. As in previous years, the Secretariat will make all submissions provided available online on the website of the Working Group unless a contrary wish is indicated by States parties when providing the relevant information.

The Secretariat would be grateful if the Government send any pertinent information to the Secretary of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna International Centre, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, Fax: +43 1 26060 6711 or to e-mail uncac.cop@unodc.org, at its earliest convenience, **but not later than 20 May 2015**.

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