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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 resolutions 6/1, 6/6 and 6/7 of the Conference of the States Parties, adopted at its sixth session, and to the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption, established by the Conference in its resolution 3/2 entitled “Preventive measures”.

In its resolution 6/1, the Conference requested the Secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates. The Conference, in its resolution 6/7 entitled “Promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, further requested that the relevant subsidiary bodies discuss promoting the use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention in order to facilitate public sector transparency and combat corruption, and draw up a list of best practices on how to enhance and promote such use.

In its resolution 6/6, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference requested the Secretariat to continue, in close cooperation with relevant international organizations, partners and donors, to develop studies, training materials, guides and tools for Governments and sports organizations to enable them to further strengthen measures in that area.

In light of these resolutions, the topics for discussion at the forthcoming seventh intersessional meeting of the Working Group, to be held in Vienna from 22 to 24 August 2016, will be:

- (a) The use of information and communications technologies for the implementation of the Convention in order to facilitate public sector transparency and combat corruption;
- (b) The protection of integrity in sport by promoting good governance in sport and mitigating the risk of corruption that sport faces.

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Collection of information prior to the seventh meeting of the Working Group: The Working Group recommended at its second intersessional meeting that, in advance of each of its future meetings, States parties should be invited to share their experiences of implementing the measures 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 2016/70/DTA/CEB/ISS of 18 March 2016, in which States parties and signatories to the Convention were requested to provide pertinent information on their relevant initiatives and practices to the Secretariat in relation to the topics for discussion at the seventh intersessional Working Group meeting as outlined above. In order to assist 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 and signatories are also encouraged to provide the Secretariat with new and updated information and good practices on their implementation of chapter II of the Convention, which the Secretariat will gather, systematize and disseminate in fulfilment of its functions as an international observatory, including by updating the thematic website of the Working Group with relevant information, as mandated by the Conference in its resolution 6/6, operative paragraphs 13 and 14.

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 to best assist States parties in implementing effectively those articles of the Convention relating to the prevention of corruption.

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 or signatories when providing the relevant information.

The Secretariat would be grateful if the Government could 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 by e-mail to uncac.cop@unodc.org, at its earliest convenience **but not later than 10 May 2016**.

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