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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 [[[FunctionalTitle2]]] and has the honour to draw the attention of the Government to resolutions 7/5 and 7/6 of the Conference of the States Parties, adopted at its seventh session, and to the recommendations of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention, established by the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption in its resolution 3/2 entitled “Preventive Measures”.

In its resolution 7/6, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”, the Conference decided that the Working Group should continue its work to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate on the prevention of corruption and should hold at least two meetings prior to the eighth session of the Conference.

In its resolution 7/5, entitled “Promoting preventive measures against corruption”, the Conference decided that the Working Group should include as the topic for 2018 the use and effectiveness of asset declaration systems and conflicts of interest. The topics for discussion at the ninth intersessional meeting of the Working Group, to be held in Vienna from 6 to 7 September 2018, will therefore be:

- (a) preventing and managing conflicts of interest (art. 7, para. 4); and
- (b) asset and interest disclosure systems (art. 8, para. 5).

Collection of information prior to the ninth 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](#), para. 12).

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The Secretariat wishes to recall note verbale CU 2018/65/DTA/CEB of 27 February 2018, 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 ninth intersessional Working Group meeting as outlined above.

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 advance of the Working Group in relation to each topic under consideration.

The Secretariat would like to thank all States parties and signatories 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 assist States parties in effectively implementing chapter II of the Convention.

In its resolution 7/6, the Conference requested States parties to continue sharing information on good practices in preventing corruption and requested the Secretariat to continue its work as an international observatory, including by updating the thematic website of the Working Group with relevant information. States parties and signatories are therefore 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.

As in previous years, the Secretariat will make all submissions provided ahead of the next Working Group meeting available online unless a contrary position is indicated by States parties or signatories when providing the relevant information. In doing so, the Secretariat hopes to facilitate the sharing of good practices between States parties and signatories.

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 to email uncac.cop@unodc.org, at its earliest convenience, **but not later than 25 May 2018**.

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