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Annotated provisional agenda

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 - (b) Other recommendations.
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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 Wednesday, 4 September 2019, at 3 p.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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 decision 7/1, the Conference endorsed the multi-year workplan adopted by the Implementation Review Group at its resumed

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seventh session (CAC/COSP/IRG/2016/9/Add.1, annex I) and the schedule of meetings approved by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 27 August 2017.

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 7/5, entitled “Promoting preventive measures against corruption”, in which the Conference decided that the Working Group should include as the topic for 2019 lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies.

The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in accordance with the above-mentioned resolutions to enable the Working Group to consider the agenda items within the time and according to the conference services available. The resources available will permit the holding of five plenary meetings: one on the afternoon of 4 September 2019, two on 5 September 2019 and two on 6 September 2019, with full interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Implementation of Conference resolutions 7/5, entitled “Promoting preventive measures against corruption”, and 7/6, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”

In its resolution 3/2, the Conference stressed the importance of implementing articles 5 to 14 of the Convention against Corruption to prevent and fight corruption. Also in that resolution, the Conference decided to establish an interim 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 7/6, the Conference welcomed the ongoing efforts of the Working Group to facilitate the sharing of information between States parties and underlined the importance of the conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group at its meetings held in Vienna from 22 to 24 August 2016 and from 21 to 23 August 2017.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested States parties to continue sharing information, and requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to continue its work as an international observatory, including by updating the thematic website of the Working Group with relevant information.

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.

In its resolution 7/5, the Conference decided that the Working Group should include as the topic for 2019 lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies (art. 5 of the Convention). The topic for discussion at the tenth intersessional meeting of the Working Group, to be held in Vienna from 4 to 6 September 2019, will therefore be “Lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies (art. 5 of the Convention)”.

At its meeting held in Vienna from 22 to 24 August 2011, the Working Group recommended that in advance of each of its future meetings 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. The Working Group requested the Secretariat to prepare a background paper synthesizing that information and decided that panel discussions should be held during its meetings, involving experts from countries who had provided written responses on the priority themes under consideration.

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

Thematic discussion on lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies (art. 5 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

The consideration of the topic on lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies will be introduced by panel discussions, including a presentation on the background paper prepared by the Secretariat on that topic, based on input from States parties in advance of the meeting.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies ([CAC/COSP/WG.4/2019/2](#)).

(b) Other recommendations

In its decision 7/1, the Conference recalled its resolution 6/1 of 6 November 2015 and requested the Secretariat to structure the provisional agendas of the Implementation Review Group and of other subsidiary bodies established by the Conference in such a way as to avoid the duplication of discussions, while respecting their mandates.

Furthermore, the Conference endorsed the multi-year workplan adopted by the Implementation Review Group at its resumed seventh session and the schedule of meetings approved by the extended Bureau at its meeting on 27 August 2017, according to which the first resumed tenth session should be scheduled back-to-back with a meeting of the Working Group, with the main topic being the analysis of information on successes, good practices, challenges, observations and technical assistance needs emanating from the country reviews of chapter II (Preventive measures) of the Convention.

Sub-item (b), entitled “Other recommendations”, of agenda item 2, entitled “Implementation of Conference resolutions 7/5, entitled ‘Promoting preventive measures against corruption’, and 7/6, entitled ‘Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption’”, will be discussed together with item 4, entitled “Technical assistance”, of the agenda of the first resumed tenth session of the Implementation Review Group at a joint meeting of those two groups, to be held on 4 September 2019.

3. Future priorities

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. The discussion will be informed by previous discussions in the Working Group, as well as by the ongoing review of the 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; consideration will be given to the importance of implementing legislative and institutional frameworks consistent with the requirements of that chapter and how such implementation can be effectively reviewed.

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>
Wednesday, 4 September	3–6 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
		1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
		2	Implementation of Conference resolutions 7/5, entitled “Promoting preventive measures against corruption”, and 7/6, entitled “Follow-up to the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption”
Thursday, 5 September	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	2 (b)	Other recommendations ^a
		2 (a)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption: lessons learned on the development, evaluation and impact of anti-corruption strategies (art. 5 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption)
	3–6 p.m.	2 (a)	Good practices and initiatives in the prevention of corruption (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 6 September	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Future priorities
	3–6 p.m.	4	Adoption of the report

^a Item 2 (b) of the agenda of the Working Group will be discussed together with item 4, entitled “Technical assistance”, of the agenda of first resumed tenth session of the Implementation Review Group at a joint meeting of the Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption and the Implementation Review Group.